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Hospital report to be finally published

FINAL proposals for the future of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust will be published next week.

Health watchdog Monitor will receive a report by Trust special administrators Dr Hugo Mascie-Taylor and Alan Hudson on Tuesday. It will then be made public on Wednesday (December 18).

A draft report recommended stripping Stafford of its maternity unit, critical care and major paediatric cases. But Cannock Hospital would undergo a multi-million pound upgrade.

The Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust would also be disbanded.

The two hospitals would be run instead by the Royal Wolverhampton Trust and the University Hospital of North Staffordshire.

Consider

The TSAs' final recommendations and report, were due to be submitted to Monitor by October 22 but the regulator extended the process by 40 working days.

Monitor will have 20 working days to consider the final report and, if approved, it will be passed to the Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt, who will have 30 working days to announce his final decision.

Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust was placed into trust special administration on April 15.

A&E patients go elsewhere

PATIENTS being taken to Stafford's under-pressure Accident & Emergency department had to go elsewhere on Monday.

Ambulances took three patients to the University Hospital of North Staffordshire in Stoke. The arrangement was made with West Midlands Ambulance Service to 'ease pressure'.

Chris Holt, chief operating officer at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We took the decision to contact our colleagues to put this arrangement in place."

POLICE CALLED IN MINE STATUE ROW

Builder's challenge on homes tally lost

BUILDER Ken Lees has lost a High Court battle over the number of new homes needed in Great Wyrley in the next 15 years.

Mr Lees, boss of Cannock-based KGL Estates Ltd, had legally challenged South Staffordshire District Council over its assessment that just 56 new homes will be required in the village between now and 2028.

The figure is contained in the council's local plan, which all planning authorities are required to submit to the government.

Mr Lees, aged 77, had argued that Great Wyrley had sufficient infrastructure for substantially more housing and took his fight to the High Court in Birmingham.

Ridiculous

He said: "To me, to put Great Wyrley in this position for a growing population is ridiculous, and hopefully the minister will think likewise."

Mr Lees also has an appeal pending with the government's planning inspectorate over the building of 141 homes on land off Landywood Lane between Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.

Campaigners said they hoped Mr Lees would now withdraw his appeal.

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School's cash award makes sense



James Knight, Midlands Co-Operative member and Community Relations officer with Chase View Primary School headteacher Andy Minott and children Lacey Jones, Alex Wylds, Victoria McGillen, Kalun Goodyear, Lucas Wood, and Grace Pearce

CHILDREN at Rugeley school are celebrating the award of £4,000 from Midlands Co-Operative Society. The money will be used for a sensory room at Chase View Primary.

The school, in Hillary Crest, caters for approximately 164 children aged seven-to-11.

Staff wanted to create a sensory room as a positive and welcoming place for children with emotional and social needs.

Funds were limited so the school approached local businesses for support and Midlands Co-Operative Society, which has a store in the Pear Tree Centre, stepped in, donating the money from its Making a Difference Community Dividend fund, which guarantees that a percentage of its trading profit is handed out to local groups.

Delighted

Teacher Pam Payne said: "We want a sensory room with soft lighting, mood music and comfortable seating where specially trained staff will be able to help children cope with personal issues."

"This is a special facility that is outside the remit of County Council funding and so we were delighted when Midlands Co-Operative told us they could help."

Joy Welch, PR officer for Midlands Co-Operative said: "We believe the sensory room will be a great asset to the school."

"As a community retailer, Midlands Co-Operative Society is delighted to support such a worthwhile project."

Festive film for children

PARENTS can grab some extra Christmas shopping time this weekend thanks to a Cannock cinema club.

Children can watch festive animation Merry Madagascar and take part in fun and games – as well as a visit from Santa – while parents snap up last minute gifts on Saturday December 21.

Organised by Create-Church-Cannock, tickets for the CreateCinema Club starts at 10am at the Electric Palace Picturehouse in Walsall Road.

Cost is 50p to cover refreshments.

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Energy firm in double celebration

A CANNOCK-based energy-saving technology and construction experts has been listed in a prestigious league table and won a top energy award.

SERS Energy Solutions Group, of Pendragon House, Riding Park, which also has offices in Caerphilly, Exeter and Lockerbie, has been listed in the annual Sunday Times Virgin Fast Track 100 table which ranks the UK's private companies

with the fastest growing sales over three years.

SERS achieved its position at number 96 in the table after increasing sales by more than 50 per cent a year. The group has tripled in size in the last two years in terms of employee numbers and turnover, which is now almost £30 million.

SERS also scooped the retrofit installer of the year award for the high standard of its insulation work

at the Retro Expo exhibition in Islington and was shortlisted in the large scale project of the year category.

The award recognised the group's energy saving projects around the country and focused on customer engagement, customer service, innovation and quality.

Judges looked at all of SERS' areas of expertise including internal and external solid wall insulation,

solar panel installation, boiler replacements and loft insulation.

SERS director, Mike Roberts said: "The prestige of getting a ranking in this league reflects the huge steps made by SERS to grow its business."

"The need for warm homes to reduce fuel bills and conserve energy has never been more important and our growth reflects the quality of the work which our people achieve," he said.

Big show of talent at charity night out

TALENTED acts are being sought to perform at a fundraising big night out in Burntwood.

Burntwood Town Council chairman Ron Bradbury is hosting the event next year in aid of his charity fund. He is raising money for Burntwood Breast Care and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Grand Night Out takes place in the spring and Councillor Bradbury is appealing for anyone who thinks they are good enough to perform to get in touch.

"I am looking for comedy acts, singers, musicians, to be a support to a well-known act, or good enough to top the bill themselves," he said.

Expenses

"Any acts, of course, must be of a good quality. There will be a fish and chip supper or similar on the night."

"As we hope to raise as much money as we can for the causes, we aim to try and keep expenses as low as possible."

Anyone that believes they could be a star in the making is asked to get in touch via Burntwood Town Council on 01543 677166, call Councillor Bradbury on 01543 677789 or email **rsb26@talktalk.net**

Support for Collymore after online race abuse

FOOTBALL pundit Stan Collymore has thanked fellow ex-players and football fans for their support after he was the subject of vile racist abuse on Twitter.

The 42-year-old reported the tweets to Cannock Police on Monday night. They are now investigating.

Many of the racist tweets have been removed by users but they have been circulated widely by thousands of people on the social networking site in an effort to shame the perpetrators.

Fellow ex-footballer Darren Eadie, who played for Norwich, said he was absolutely shocked at the abuse Collymore was receiving. He said it was: "Everything that is bad about social media and Twitter in particular."

Collymore retweeted a message of support from Leon Mann, who said: "The racist abuse aimed at Stan Collymore tonight has been an absolute disgrace."

Bullied

Collymore said the support of 'people all over the place' had persuaded him to keep his account and not be bullied off.

Last year the ex-footballer spoke about the abuse he receives on Twitter. The former Aston Villa striker, from Cannock, told how he receives up to 200 abusive messages a day.

Law student Joshua Cryer, aged 21, was given a two-year community order, with 240 hours unpaid work and £150 costs after admitting at Newcastle Magistrates Court using social networking website Twitter to bombard the football pundit with abuse.

He admitted a charge under section 127 of the Communications Act of sending grossly offensive messages.

The Newcastle University student claimed his account had been hacked.

In a message to his followers shortly before midnight, Collymore said police were investigating.

He said: "Appreciate the support from players, fans of all clubs and Kick it Out. Currently with Cannock Police."

The anti-racist Kick it Out campaign said it was reporting the messages sent to Collymore, while Staffordshire Police confirmed it was investigating.

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Diamond day for couple



Sid and Lilian Fryer, of Norton Canes, celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

THEIR friendship had spanned a decade when a smitten 16-year-old Sid asked Lilian to the cinema.

Lilian Fryer, now 78, was surprised at first – but she and Sid have been inseparable ever since. More than 60 years later, they are celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

The couple, of Cherry Tree Road, Norton

Canes, played together as children from the age of six as they were growing up in Brownhills. Then, when they were 16, Sid plucked up the courage to ask Lilian out. The couple, who share a passion for travel, tied the knot two years later at Cannock Registry Office.

The couple have two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Wildlife HQ coffee time

NATURE lovers can enjoy a warm cuppa while raising money to help local wildlife.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is hosting a fundraising coffee morning tomorrow (Friday) from 10am to noon at its Wolsley Lodge HQ near Rugeley. Admission to the coffee morning is £1.

Visitors can also browse a variety of stalls selling a range of items including cupcakes, handmade jewellery, and knitwear.

The trust's gift shop also features a range of wildlife-themed Christmas gift ideas.

For more information, call the Trust on 01889 880100.

Ramble on Hills

THE Walsall group of the ramblers will be heading to Hedgesford Hills for a seven-mile walk on Sunday. It will be a moderate walk along the hills and Cannock Chase. Call 01543 876198 for more information or visit www.walsallramblers.co.uk

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Rates of death at trust fall

FEWER patients than expected are dying at hospitals run by Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust, new figures reveal.

The trust, which runs Stafford and Cannock Chase hospitals, had a mortality rate of 83.2, on a scale measured where the expected death rate is set at 100.

The figures for 2012 continue the improvement seen in the trust's figures from last year, when the rate was 96.2.

In Wolverhampton the rate was 100.7 while in Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust's it was 93.3, while Walsall NHS Healthcare Trust's was 94.3.

Quality

Mid Staffs chief executive Maggie Oldham said: "This data from Dr Foster is just one of the measures we use to assess the quality of care we provide and to help us identify any areas where we can improve further. There is always more that can be done and we are determined to continue to do so."

"I would like to thank our staff who have remained focussed on providing safe care for patients through what is an exceptionally challenging time for the trust."

"We really need more staff of a high calibre so that we can maintain our high standards for patients."

Festive ball aids heroes

A CHARITY Christmas ball in aid of Help For Heroes takes place tomorrow night (Friday).

The event, organised by five Wolverhampton University students, is being held at the Roman Way Hotel, from 7pm. It is for over-18s only and smart/evening wear must be worn.

Entertainment will come in the form of a disco and there will be a buffet, a late bar and a raffle.

Tickets are £5. Call 07850 678411 or contact www.facebook.com/michailla.bishop

December walk

CHASE & District Group Ramblers embark on an eight-mile moderate December walk on Cannock Chase this weekend. Departure time on Sunday is Hedsorford rail station car park, Anglesey Street, at 9am prompt.

Employment specialists win Giving award



Phil Pemble and Juliet Mortiss collect the Institute of Fundraising's National Payroll Giving Excellence Award

EMPLOYEES at an employment and training specialist have been recognised for their generosity at The National Payroll Giving Excellence Awards.

Pertemps People Development Group (PPDG), which has offices in Cannock, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, participated in the awards, organised by The Institute of Fundraising.

In the event at The Treasury in London, the company's scheme took the title for the Best Sustained SME campaign ahead of the UK's largest

independent toy retailer The Entertainer.

PPDG chief executive Steve King said the accolade was a true reflection of the desire of the company's workforce to support others less fortunate.

"Payroll giving is a key element of our wider CSR strategy that brings us closer to charities and voluntary organisations," he said.

The award was made by the Minister for Civil Society Nick Hurd MP citing payroll giving as an effective tax-efficient means of supporting charities and worthy causes. Of the 30 organisa-

tions being recognised, the business was also one of only three nominated for the prize of Best Overall campaign finishing highly commended as runner-up.

On behalf PPDG, PR manager Phil Pemble picked up a Platinum Quality Mark Award, a standard for Payroll Giving achieved by less than a per cent of all companies engaged in the sector.

He said: "Next year we will surpass the remarkable milestone of giving and donating £250,000 to almost 700 different worthy causes through payroll giving alone."

NEWS

in brief

Worker trapped beneath boxes

A MAN was trapped beneath storage boxes for more than 40 minutes following an accident at a car parts manufacturer.

The air ambulance, paramedics and fire crews were called to the scene at Gestamp Tallent in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock at around 5.30pm last Wednesday following reports of a worker stuck between a forklift truck and several storage boxes.

A total of eight firefighters attended. It took them three quarters of an hour to free the man.

The injured man was taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton but allowed home later that night after treatment.

Bag a bargain at indoor boot sale

SHOPPERS can find a bargain at an indoor car boot sale in Hesdeneford.

The sale is being held at the Lightworks complex in Market Street on Sundays December 15 and 22.

Sellers can arrive from 10am at a cost of £6.50, but must bring their own table. The sale is open from 11am to 3pm. Admission is 50p, free for children. Call 07564 796619.

Joining together for festive music

THE Staffordshire Band and St Stephen's Singers join together present a concert of Christmas music next week.

It takes place on Friday, December 20, from 7.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Bideford Way, Cannock. Tickets are priced at £5 including light refreshments and can be obtained by calling 01543 577348.

Christmas trees made into mulch

PENKRIDGE parish council has organised a tree shredding event next month.

Residents are invited to take their trees to the Haling Dene Centre, in Cannock Road, between noon and 4pm on Saturday January 4.

The chippings can be taken away to use as mulch in gardens.

60s night at pub

CHASING Shadows are the star performers at a 60s night at a London pub this weekend. The quartet perform at the Swan With Two Necks in a Christmas Spectacular on Saturday (December 14). Entry is free.

Dogging on rise, claim, as 100 visit Chase each week

Window of opportunity to remember



Cannock Shopping Centre manager Natal Chapman looks through the 'Memory Window' in aid of Newlife.

LOVED ones can be remembered by a display in a window of an empty shop over the festive period.

The 'Memory Window' has been put up in Cannock Shopping Centre and will be in place until Christmas Eve.

Residents are invited to bring in photographs, messages and poems in memory of lost loved ones.

These messages will then be posted in an empty shop window located

between Costa Coffee and Holland & Barrett.

The centre will be charging £1 per message with all the proceeds donated to the Newlife Foundation.

Photos and messages can be dropped off at the centre management suite on the first floor, where they will also be able to make their donation.

Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "As Christmas is just around the

corner we thought that our remembrance window would be a great way to keep in mind loved ones that may not be around anymore.

"It is also a time for giving so we thought it would be a lovely way to raise money for Newlife Foundation whilst also giving the residents of Cannock the opportunity to share their memories or photographs of their loved ones."

Advice for over-50s on beating the winter blues

OVER-50s in Cannock have been taught how to beat the winter blues and stay warm during the cold months ahead.

The Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy hosted the Age Well event at the Dr Myint Surgery on Brunswick Road.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

ON THE surface, glamour, glitz and sweet perfection. Underneath, yuk. From what we have heard in court, the Saatchi/Nigella marriage could have come straight out of Beautiful Soul's hit, Don't Marry Her. The song has a wonderful (and suitably culinary) line describing the sad state of affairs "when your socks smell of angels, but your life smells of Brie."

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ANYONE else puzzled at the Government's eagerness to get people with dementia diagnosed as quickly as possible? The latest weapon in the campaign is a dementia map showing which parts of Britain are good, having the highest numbers of patients diagnosed by doctors, and which areas are bad for identifying fewer sufferers. Call me awkward but if I felt the mist descending in my head, I'd be inclined to move to one of the bad areas pretty damn quick. Most types of dementia cannot be cured and having the D-word stamped on your medical records can ruin your life on many levels, from losing your driving licence to being refused travel insurance. I bet millions of folk see no point in a diagnosis until there is some hope of a cure. Just put me down as "a bit forgetful," thanks.

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BY CHANCE, in the week that the Government urged us to take Alzheimer's more seriously, my local sweetshop started selling Senior Moment Memory-Loss Mints.

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AIR Vice-Marshals Elaine West, Britain's most senior female officer, says that one day a woman may head the armed forces. I seem to recall a woman did exactly that, a while ago. Twin-set, pearls, handbag? Come to think of it, for a few years Britain's armed forces were commanded by two women. The one with the handbag and the one with the crown.

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AS an avid online customer, I love the idea of remote-controlled drones delivering Amazon items to our back garden. For a start, it will save wear-and-tear on our pot-holed old farm track. And yet drones, as used to deadly effect in Afghanistan and Pakistan, are not foolproof. If they can deliver 500 lbs of high explosive to the wrong address, they can presumably send a boxful of birthday presents to the wrong person. There is also the tiny problem that our back garden, like so many, is equipped with a steel-reinforced drone-wrecking device. Or washing line, as we call it.

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ONE of the saddest news reports of the past few days was the discovery of a cannabis farm in the old Drakelow Tunnels near Kidderminster. It was the latest indignity heaped on a place which is a national treasure deserving of protected status. The tunnels were built in the Second World War as a factory producing aircraft engines in bomb-proof workshops deep in the solid rock. In the Cold War, the tunnels became "The Hole," the regional-government bunker from which, if the worst happened, the Midlands would be fed, watered, healed and governed. I spent a week-long exercise down there in the early 1980s when it was throbbing with life as Home Office scientists, weathermen, military officers, cops and fire chiefs planned for nuclear war. Other bunkers have been saved but Drakelow lies neglected, vandalised and latterly used for growing hash. In its own way it is as important to our island story as the caverns below Dover Castle or Churchill's war bunker. It deserves better than this.

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IN AN idle moment I voted in an online poll asking whether people who throw flares at football matches should face harsher punishment. I expected to see an overwhelming Yes vote. But at the time I cast my vote, more than a quarter of respondents had voted against tougher sanctions. This suggests thousands of fans are fairly relaxed about blazing objects being lobbed over their heads. And then you do the sums and realise that Bradford was 28 years ago. No-one under 40 really remembers what happens when a football stadium catches fire. Let us hope they never have a reminder.

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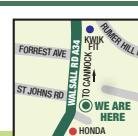
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were presented with certificates on the Molineux pitch after completing their apprenticeship programme. Arron

Walker, Chloe Dodd, Niklo Bruce, Jordan Cross and Matthew Roberts were handed their certificates at Wolves' League One match with Tranmere by first team player Anthony Forde joined by Georgia Massey, managing director and assessor at 1st2 Achieve Training.

Wolves FC Community Trust are now recruiting new apprentices. Send a CV and covering letter to georgia.massey@1st2achieve.co.uk



The apprentices are presented with certificates by Anthony Forde and Georgia Massey, 1st2Achieve managing director and assessor

Store's window is best dressed

A HEDNESFORD store lived up to its name as it won the town's Best Dressed Window competition, announced at last Friday at the Christmas lights switch-on.

Simply Perfect, situated in the Lightworks, pipped Sheena Shaw Bridalwear and Nature's Gift, both in Market Street, to the award. A special judges award was given to the Katharine House Shop, also in Market Street.

Winners of the Christmas poster competition were all students at West Hill Primary School, who were presented with their awards. Morgan Cieslewicz won, earning tickets to the pantomime Aladdin at Prince of Wales Centre. Mackenzie Lovegrove's runner-up prize was a £15 gift voucher, while third-placed Chenoa Rainer won a soft toy hamper.

Town council chairman Alan Pearson placed on record thanks to all the volunteers and others who had given up their time to help with the organisation of the switch-on event. And, after collecting his prize, Morgan helped Councilman Pearson to switch on the lights.

Appeal for samaritan

POLICE are appealing to a good samaritan who stopped to help a man who was being assaulted to contact them.

The incident happened at about 8.30pm on Wednesday December 4 in Church Street, Cannock, near a pelican crossing and opposite McDonald's restaurant.

A man was being assaulted and sustained facial injuries. A driver, who has been described as medium build, stopped to help.

Police would also like to speak to a group of five or six young people who were nearby at the time. They are asked to call police on 101, quoting reference 726 of December 4.

Call for donors

DONORS can roll up their sleeves in Cannock next week. NHS Blood and Transplant will be at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in New Penkridge Road, on Monday, December 16 Session times are from 1.30 to 3.30pm and from 4.30 to 7.30pm. Call 0300 123 23 to book.

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Tributes paid after DJ's death from heart attack

Regimental mascot dies at 15



Staffordshire Regiment Colour Sergeant Malcolm Bower with mascot Watchman IV
A MUCH-LOVED dog that spent years as the official mascot of the Staffordshire Regiment has died at the age of 15.

Colour Sergeant Watchman IV, a black Staffordshire Bull Terrier, held the position from 1999 to 2007. He continued in a public role, as mascot of the Staffordshire Regimental Association, until retiring in 2009.

Secretary of the Staffordshire Regiment Association, Major Jim Massey, said: "He met the Queen and many other senior royals, as well as thousands of ordinary members of the public. He was a very easy to

be around." He said a funeral for Watchman IV was likely to take place next week.

Watchman IV was appointed mascot of the then Staffordshire Regiment in March 1999 and continued in service until October 2009 when he handed over to Watchman V, a Cannock-bred Staffordshire bull terrier.

Watchman IV was handled by Colour Sergeant Malcolm Bower who retired in the same year that his trusty dog stepped down. CSgt Bower died from cancer in 2010 and Watchman IV spent his last few years being looked after by CSgt Bower's widow Coral.

TRIBUTES have been paid to a larger than life character renowned for a madcap sense of humour.

Melvin Hartshorne, a DJ known as 'Custard Beast' had venues across the Midlands roaring with laughter. He suffered a fatal heart attack, aged 62, and died in the arms of his son Blake, 29, at his family home in Halesowen.

Mr Hartshorne was renowned for performing sketches in between playing records, while he also campaigned for a seat on Cannock Chase District Council as a member of the Monster Raving Loony Party.

The father-of-one worked for Pritchard Holdings as a gardener and labourer but by night he played his beloved rock music at venues around the Midlands.

He eventually gave up his day job when the DJ work took off and he was performing at weddings, parties and discos up to seven nights a week.

Tricks

His wife Diane, 61, said: "He was full of tricks. He never rehearsed his sets. He'd try to but he'd get side-tracked and in the end it just came together on the night."

Good friend Andy Wood, 43, who runs Woody's Music Bar in Halesowen, spoke of a classic gig he performed at The Double M pub in Wimblebury shortly after the controversial documentary In Bed With Madonna was broadcast.

"He turned the whole stage into a double bed and called it In Bed With Diana," he said.

He brought the house down," said Mr Wood. "No one could rival him. He lit up the place. All the bikers loved him, everyone loved him."

Council leader George Adamson remembered him electioneering with Monster Raving Loony Party leader



Screaming Lord Sutch in the early 1990s.

"He stood in a number of seats and was known as a character," said Mr Adamson. "He certainly added a bit of colour to the count on election night."

Mr Hartshorne is thought to have raised thousands of pounds for charity through his gigs. But his wife said working night and day was a punishing schedule.

"For a long while he'd get up for work, come home and have a couple of hours sleep before going out to put on a disco somewhere," she said.

The couple, who were married for 34 years, had lived in Bradbury Lane for the past three years after moving from Heather Lane, Pye Green.

"Mr Hartshorne said: 'His son was the apple of his eye.'

"Blake tried to help him after he was taken ill on Sunday, December 1. He was holding him when Mel passed away."

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Pumpkin Patrol is hailed as a success

COUNCIL chiefs have hailed a crackdown on crimes committed by Halloween and Bonfire Night revellers a success – after no incidents were reported.

The 'Pumpkin Patrol' scheme was launched in Cannock Chase to warn people about anti-social behaviour caused by trick or treaters – and giving them the chance to opt out of the doorstep callers – as well as the dangers of fires and fireworks.

The fire service said that there were no reports of deliberate fires.

Council officers also accompanied the pumpkin patrol and did not witness any offences during this campaign, so no Fixed Penalty Notices were issued.

Councillor Mike Holder, leader for crime and partnerships, said: "I am delighted to say this campaign has been a great success, by reducing anti-social behaviour in the district."

Pre-school opens doors

A NEW pre-school opens its doors in Chads Moor in the new year.

It will launch on January 6 at West Chads Moor Family Centre in Princess Street. The centre has been operating for more than 18 years and during that time has helped many children and families.

The pre-school will cater for children aged two-to-five, from 9am until noon. Sessions will be charged at £6, although funding will be available for those who meet criteria.

Funding will be available for three and four-year-olds eligible for the 15 hours nursery funding.

It will be Ofsted-registered and staff are already in place. For more information, or to register a child, call 01543 571698.

Annual concert

CHASE Choral Society's mixed voiced choir perform their annual Christmas concert at St Thomas's Church in Huntington next week. They will sing a selection of modern and classical songs at the 140-year-old church from 7.30pm on Friday, December 20. Admission is £2 and there will be a raffle. Call 01543 505043 for more details.

Music group in tune to celebrate 40th anniversary



VIP guests at the CPAC annual/anniversary concert

PAST and present members of Cannock Performing Arts Centre enjoyed a concert to mark the group's 40th anniversary.

The musicians' annual show took place at Cardinal Griffin RC High School, off Stafford Road, last Saturday (December 7).

Among those in attendance were Tom Farrar, founding member of Cannock Music Centre, as it was previously known. Mr Farrar is also a previous Bandmaster at Army headquarters at Kneller Hall and an adviser to military bands for the Sultan of Oman.

He was joined by former music teachers and members of the centre's Friends organisation spanning 40 years. These included Walter McCourt, the original Friends committee chairman.

Several photographs, old programmes and memorabilia dating from 1973 to the present day were on show, while Mr Farrar also brought along his original leaving gift of band photo and engraved carriage clock from 1980.

A Performing Arts Centre spokesman said: "He was especially

pleased to have been invited and spoke of his admiration that the music centre was still going strong after 40 years.

"The performances by the CPAC ensembles were very well received by the 150 strong audience, along with a celebratory cake decorated by Friends member Heidi Bayliss."

Cannock Performing Arts Centre offers music for children up to 18 years of age. For further details about the group, or the concert, contact cpacfriends@gmail.com, call 07972 591 740 or see cpacfriends on Facebook.

New premises are found for closure-threat nursery

A CHARITY-run nursery facing closure after a move to new base were declined has found alternative premises.

Bosses at Tiddlywinks Pre-school feared the nursery may have to close after a bid to move into a former tattoo parlour was turned down.

Instead, they have secured a deal with the owners of St Barnabas Church, in Hampton Street, Bridgwater.

The church – currently not in use – will provide space for up to 27 children.

Treasurer Kevin Thomas said: "We are hoping to move in there by the February half-term holidays. We'll stay at the Salvation Army building until then."

Only days earlier, Cannock Chase Council's planning committee rejected plans for Tiddlywinks to move from the Salvation Army building in Walhouse Street to the former Midland Tattoo Studio on Wolverhampton Road.

Doubt

The plan was refused on the grounds it was too dangerous for a pre-school.

In a letter read out to the planning committee meeting, Tina Jackson from the nursery, said: "I hope the council see fit to grant this application, because without it we will no doubt need to close the pre-school group."

Wolverhampton Road resident David Palmer said he was concerned about road safety and parking as well as noise.

"Parking is atrocious – it's rare I can park outside my own house," he said. "Wolverhampton Road and St John's Close nearby are both very dangerous."

Councillor Bob Todd said: "To subject children to that road is criminal."

Cut call on aid abroad

CHASE MP Aidan Burley has called on Government chiefs to cut the amount it spends on overseas aid.

He says the target of spending 0.7 per cent of Britain's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is equivalent to an increase of £100 a year for every family in Cannock Chase.

Speaking during International Development Questions in Parliament, he said Chas residents were 'concerned' that the country still has an aid policy 'judged by how much we spend, and not by what that money delivers.'

Mr Burley also welcomed the Government's decision to end aid to India by 2015.

He said: "Many of my constituents are concerned that we still have an aid policy judged by how much we spend, not by what the money delivers."

"All our aid programmes should be evaluated by the outcomes they produce."



Father Christmas meets Shaun, aged six, and Maggie Hayward, seven, at Cannock Shopping Centre



Santa with three-year-old Tyler Wiltshire in Cannock

Early presents as Santa pays visit

CHRISTMAS came early for children in Cannock when Santa dropped in on the town centre.

Santa Claus visited Cannock Shopping Centre last Saturday (December 7) handing out sweets and posing for pictures with the little ones.

Cannock Shopping Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "We were honoured to have Santa visit us. It was lovely to see the children's smiles after they had a photograph taken with him."

Meanwhile, the deadline for nominations for a Christmas star in Cannock has been extended.

Cannock Shopping Centre has launched its Star Awards and is looking for its unsung festive hero. Nominations now close this Sunday, December 15.

To nominate a Christmas Star email cannockstars@pmwco.co.uk with an explanation of why they deserve to win. Include your name, the name of the nominee, their age and contact details. The winner will receive an engraved Star Award and a prize from the shopping centre.

NEWS

in brief

Pottering about for school topic

SCHOOL has proved magical for pupils in Penkridge this term.

Pupils at Wolgarston High School have been celebrating Harry Potter as a way of promoting literacy and learning.

House teams have been converted to those at Hogwarts, namely Slytherin, Hufflepuff, Gryffindor and Ravenclaw.

Learning resources centre administrator Sarah Roberts organised a sorting hat quiz, plus reading activities based on the Harry Potter books. Sixth formers organised an inter-house quiz.

Staff and pupils celebrated the end of their magical adventure by dressing up as characters from JK Rowling's books.

First art show held at venue

HEATH Hayes Art Society were the first group to exhibit at the New Aquarius Ballroom in Hednesford.

More than 100 paintings were on display at the Victoria Street venue on December 6 and 7 – all produced by members of the group – and several items were sold.

A painting of Hednesford in a bygone age, produced by Gillian Elliot, was a prize in the raffle and was won by Aquarius manager Mike Allsopp. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Shropshire Air Ambulance.

Father Christmas arrives at grotto

SANTA will take up his place in his grotto in Cannock Market Hall this weekend, supported by the town's Lions group.

Father Christmas will arrive on Saturday (December 14). He will be there from 10am until 4pm and will return every day next week from 2-4pm except Thursday, and again on Saturday (21) from 10am to 4pm.

Santa will also drop in on the Lions Senior Citizens' lunch on December 19, at St Luke's Church.

Donate gifts plea

RUGELEY residents are urged to donate a new or unused gift for a needy child this Christmas. Drop off points have been set up at The Three Wishes Shop in Upper Brook Street and at St Joseph's Community Centre, Lichfield Street.

Gifts should be donated before December 18 and will be distributed to local groups and social services.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW
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ANDREWS

FORMER Home Secretary Jack Straw says 'there is never a good time to increase MPs' pay'. Too right there's not. So let's make sure it never happens.

ON a more serious note, the fact that two-thirds of MPs think that they are underpaid says much about the make-up of the House of Commons today.

Not so long ago, few people saw politics as a career. It was a hobby, an outside interest, something that people did to give something back to the community towards the end of their careers.

Then along came Tony Blair, who said that being an MP was a full-time job, and it was wrong that they had outside interests.

It might have sounded a good idea at the time, but we now have a generation of politicians who go straight from the students' union disco to the corridors of power, and think because they work full-time they are entitled to the same salary as a GP.

There was a lot to be said for the days of modestly paid, part-time MPs with a wealth of life experience.

AND now for something completely different. Just when you thought you had seen it all, up pops John Wood who thinks he has spotted a gap in the market for a dating agency targeted at Monty Python fans.

Mr Wood, who is 53, has been looking for love ever since his wife left him over his obsession with the comedy series.

"Python is such an important and central part of my life which has even shaped the way I see the world. I can't imagine it being possible to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't get Python," he explained.

"I am hoping that, out there somewhere, is a gorgeous 30-something, Python-quoting single lady."

Not asking for much, is he? Talk about life imitating art.

Maybe he will take the lead of Python's Simon Zinc-Trumpet-Harris, and find himself in a fulfilling relationship with 'a very attractive table lamp', and no doubt the wedding will be spectacular.

Silly walks up the aisle, walking out to the Lumberjack song, and Spam sandwiches at the reception. What more could a girl ask for?

HAVE you noticed its been getting a bit nippy lately? Could be something to do with the extreme temperatures that have been sweeping the South Pole.

New data reveals the coldest ever temperature recorded on earth came in August 2010, when it plunged to -135.8 deg F (-94.7C). Then on July 31, this year, it came close again, dropping to -135.3 deg F (-92.9C).

Clearly, something needs to be done about global warming.

Contact Mark on Twitter: MAndrews_Star



With fellow firefighter Jim McParland in Tanzania



Rudy with Mia, aged two, who he helped rescue in Haiti



Alongside other volunteers in Siret, Romania

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

THE leader of Wolverhampton Council demanded urgent talks with Wolves owners, saying the club was turning the town into a laughing stock. Councillor John Bird, a Wolves season ticket holder, laid into the club's owners Applied Properties for failing to invest in the team.

STORES throughout the West Midlands were racing against time to ensure there would be no festive disappointment as the area went computer crazy. Number one on most children's Christmas lists was the Sinclair Spectrum 48K, which sold for £129.95.

TONY Morley, who a year earlier had laid on Peter Withe's winning goal in Aston Villa's European Cup triumph, was sold to arch rivals West Bromwich Albion.

1993...

A PUB was refusing to accept £50 notes for fear of fraud. The Anchor Inn, at Coven, near Wolverhampton, made the controversial ruling after accepting £50 notes which had turned out to be fake.

ROY Castle was in good form as he prepared to take to the stage at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, despite facing a new battle against lung cancer. The 61-year-old said 'the show must go on' ahead of the opening night of Pickwick at the theatre, just three weeks after starting a new course of chemotherapy.

IT WAS an emotional moment for Wolves fans as Hungarian giants Honved returned to Molineux in a game to mark the completion of a £15 million redevelopment of the stadium. Wolves had famously played Honved in pioneering European floodlit clashes during the 1950s.

2003...

trapped under a concrete slab beneath the rubble for three days and three nights, and crews used their bare hands to free the toddler.

Rudy added: "As she came out, her little face was dirty. She went straight to her mother."

"It was quite tense at the time because what you do is you focus."

"You have got a job to do and you have to stay focused and each person in that team was part of that rescue, it was probably the best one I've been involved in."

Rudy's fundraising efforts have ranged from flying to Ecuador in February 2009 to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund cancer charity – of which Rudy is project manager – with Express & Star columnist Carl Chinn and his colleague Andy Grosvenor, to a 120-mile canoe trip down the River Severn to raise money for an orphanage in Tanzania.

Remote

He has also helped to construct a physiotherapy unit at the Salvation Army's Matumi orphanage in Dar Es Salaam.

Other exploits have included helping to build an extension to a school in Alto Paraiso, a remote village in Brazil, in 2010.

In March the next year, he also joined the ISAR squad helping to find the survivors of the earthquake in Japan.

The 53-year-old received an MBE from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace in May 2012 for his charity work at home and abroad.

As his career drew to a close Rudy was also one of the 200 firefighters who attended the huge fire at Jayplas recycling plant in Smethwick in July, sparked by a Chinese lantern that floated onto the site.

He said: "I've loved every minute, I've got no regrets and I've loved going to work every day and every night."



Rudy receiving his MBE with wife Clare and son William in May of 2012

and grabbed hold of my arm," said Rudy, who now lives in Wollaston, Shropshire.

He was alongside his firefighter duties and his role in the International Search and Rescue squad which has included working in earthquake-hit Japan and Haiti.

And it was in Haiti in 2010 that he was part of a team that carried out his most memorable rescue.

"We were actually searching a supermarket, there were about 40 of us rescuers and it was around lunchtime.

"A young lad came running up to me

had collapsed. As soon as I got onto the rubble I could hear a little girl crying 'Mummy'."

That little girl was two-year-old Mia, and fellow West Midlands colleagues, as well as those from Wales and Manchester, rushed to help. Mia had been

woken from a nap by the noise of the search and rescue operation.

"We have not been given a confirmed opening date," said Andrew Roache, of Midland Expressway. A spokesman for the Central Motorway Police Group said he expected it to open on December 8 or 9.

DARLASTON'S Mark Rhodes made the final three in the Pop Idol television talent show – singing a Black Country Christmas classic. And his triumph was music to the ears of the man who wrote Slade's Merry Xmas Everybody, Jimmy Lea.

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Rab ready to put his hart into pub career

AFTER more than 20 years in the military Rab Campbell has swapped being on the frontline for being behind the bar.

The senior aircraftman was in the Royal Air Force for 15 years after initially joining up with the Royal Engineers.

Now rather than spend active service in countries such as Cyprus, Scotland, Kenya and Afghanistan he has moved to Staffordshire to fulfil his ambition of running a pub.

The 36-year-old, originally from Livingston, Scotland is relaunching the White Hart in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock.

Military

During his military career Mr Campbell was nominated for a hero of the year award in his native country. He came to the rescue of a young boy who was the victim of a kidnapping while based in Camp Souter, near Kabul.

He challenged a man who started running after the youngster with a rock. He then helped to reunite the boy with his family. Mr Campbell is looking forward to running the pub with his girlfriend Stephanie Wood and putting together a new food and drinks menu.

Marston's has already refurbished the premises and Mr Campbell is now developing his own ideas including a games area and comfortable zone for couples.

They settled on Cannock from across the UK after being impressed by the area.

He said: "I have used the money from my retirement from the military.



New White hart licensees Rab Campbell and Stephanie Wood



The White Hart in Wolverhampton Road, which has been refurbished

"I am very people focused being in the military, you get to meet people from all over the world."

"With a pub you get to meet a wide variety of people."

"It is a really nice part of the country. The people are really friendly, we are going for a community feel. We want it to be the heart of the community." Mr Campbell said it was a tough time for the pub industry with many businesses closing.

But he is confident that he can make

the venture a success and says he is prepared to put in the effort to make it work.

He said: "I know we can make this a success. This kind of pub is something that is needed. Most pubs go down the sports route or become a wine bar but we are starting something that the whole community can get involved in and where everyone can interact."

"It seems to be something that has been lost in recent years but we want to bring it back."

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LETTERS**A major blow to wildlife heritage**

COUNCILLOR Adamson's attempts to twist and misrepresent my public long-standing position on Pye Green are most unworthy of someone of his stature.

I admit it was our Conservative County Council who sold the land to the developer and it was the Conservative/Lib Dem coalition on Cannock Council which granted development rights.

There is however nasty inference of my complicity in the planning committee that passed the decision at Cannock Council. But I was denied a vote that day and ejected from the room because I refused to bend the knee to the planners.

For more than 30 years, Labour councillors have had the power to protect Pye Green Valley and their failure to do so remains a major blow to the wildlife heritage of Cannock Chase.

JOHN BURNETT

Hednesford

MP jumping on the bandwagon

I NOTED with interest the comments made by Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley MP on NHS salaries and the Rugeley miners' memorial (Chronicle, November 14).

May I say that I am at a loss with this MP for the following reasons: One, he has never taken an interest or given any support to those small group of ex-miners, made redundant by Mrs Thatcher's government, or to their wives who have worked hard to get some lasting tribute for those engaged in the coal industry in and around Rugeley. I have been engaged with this

group for some time and do know of the amount of canvassing done to get support in the area for the project.

The Labour-led district council, Conservative county council and the police had no objections to the memorial being placed as planned. Now we have the local MP jumping on the bandwagon for what I believe is nothing more than selfish propaganda.

Mr Burley attacks the high salaries paid to senior management in the NHS, but first he should look at his own expenses claims on top of an already high salary. His expenses claim is the

highest in the region and for what? I do not see him in his place, except for once, on the daily programme Parliament.

Mr Burley is conspicuous by his absence and yet claims travelling expenses, etc. Why and what for? Perhaps Mr Burley would give us a breakdown of his attendances in Parliament over the past 12 months.

We know of his enthusiasm in trying to drastically change Trade Union law so let us see, Mr Burley what other policies you may have spoken in debate and voted on.

BRIAN BOTTOOMER, Cannock

Could roadworks be cunning store plan?

WITH regard to the roadworks on Horse Fair, Rugeley. 'Richard' of Rugeley stated I shouldn't complain and that money being spent on Horse Fair would go elsewhere.

This got me wondering, £500k for all that work? A friend suggested to me that Tesco had given £1.5m towards the roadworks, so £2m would be the true cost.

Why, if they did, would Tesco give all that money, I ask? The road alterations will clog up Rugeley so drivers will use the bypass instead and go right past... Tesco.

Is this a cunning plan by Tesco, or perhaps one of our councillors could put me right? If I am wrong I apologise. On the other hand £2m could have put up large covered areas through the town centre making it more comfortable to shop, discounting retail tax and reducing parking fees, helping Rugeley to improve.

KEVIN BALL, Rugeley

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Heavy-handed actions

DAVID Cameron is asking for an investigation into union heavy-handed actions. Is there any difference between this and the whips in Parliament pressuring MPs to follow their party's policy?

M FINN
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Too many paid more than worth

AIDAN Burley does not understand why such high salaries are being paid to so many NHS staff.

Presumably most of the 490 on £100,000 or more per year are doctors or the odd administrator. Included in the 1,480 on more than £50,000 will be highly qualified matrons, and are well worth their earnings. But there are too many employees on well above what they are worth and whoever dishes out these levels of salaries are probably also on above the market value for the qualifications or experience they possess. But what can our MP do about it?

With so many graduates looking for work it is not necessary to pay such rewarding salaries.

High earnings can be justified when employees are competent and give good value for the money they are paid but I regret there are too many examples where the fixers of salaries are out of touch with reality.

PENSIONER
Cannock

No initiative shown by parish councils

THREE years ago 120 homes in Great Wyrley were canvassed regarding a £5 contribution towards a pedestrian operated gripper to make a dangerous hill and junction safer.

Subsequent contributions have been £1.50 per year. South Staffs Highways were keen to support these residents but wanted to involve the parish council, who declined to give support for 'fear of setting a precedent'. This meant no overt support from the Highways people, other than under their own Ice Busters scheme.

Transport County Councillor Simon Tagg will have no problems getting Ice Busters support from the public, the hurdle for him to overcome is parish councils. I would have thought it advantageous for a council to support initiative, even when they have not shown it themselves.

J MIZEN, Churchbridge

The cost of living crisis affects us all

IN their letter of November 28, R Peaty obviously did not bother to check his/her facts. Since Labour took control of Cannock Chase Council councillors' allowances have been frozen and I voluntarily took a 10 per cent cut in my allowances. This is in contrast to when the Tories & Lib Dems ran our council when allowances went up and up.

We have protected services in Cannock Chase, unlike the Tory-run Lichfield, which has increased council tax, slashed services and is making staff redundant.

It's a fact that prices and the cost of living are going up faster than wages. David Cameron can only tell us to put on an extra jumper instead of dealing with the huge increases in energy prices and the cost of living crisis affecting us all.

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NEWS

Gym at £50m shopping complex creates 15 jobs

Alison's boutique call



Alison Pearson opened Blush Boutique after being made redundant

A NEW lingerie shop is proving to be anything but risqué for three generations of the same family.

Alison Pearson, aged 44, opened Blush Boutique in Market Square, Rugeley, alongside her daughter Lucy and mother Anne.

The former Clintons Cards shop worker, a qualified bra fitter, said: "I had been made redundant twice and

wanted to be my own boss. I have experience in the lingerie business and with so many shops closing over the last few years, I realised there was going to be a demand."

"We offer a great choice of sizes for all ages and we hope to extend the range next year."

The shop also sells handbags, jewellery and scarves.

FIFTEEN jobs will be created when a new gym opens up in Huddersfield.

PureGym will be the latest to move into Victoria Shopping Park, which already houses a Tesco, Costa Coffee, Pet Corner, Phones 4U and Lloyds Pharmacy and is part of a £50m town centre redevelopment.

The Chase Gateway part of the scheme comprises an Aldi, Pizza Hut Delivery, Barnardo's and Huddersfield Bingo.

The PureGym will launch early in the new year, spread over a 13,000sq ft area and open 24/7. It will feature more than 220 pieces of the latest gym equipment as well as more than 40 free classes per week and additional specialist classes such as Zumba and the new South African dance class Bokwa.

Councillor Doris Grice, chairman of Cannock Chase Council, described the gym's launch as 'wonderful news'.

Affordable

She said: "We need to be providing jobs and this gym is affordable compared to some. I very much welcome it."

Cannock Chase Council's regeneration chief Councillor Diane Todd said: "The transformation of Huddersfield town centre is near completion. It is now a thriving town which can offer a good shopping experience and bring more people into the town."

Property Director for PureGym, Angela Crawshaw, said: "PureGym will provide local residents with a fully equipped gym that offers not only exceptional value at an affordable price, but membership without a contract that ties you in for a long period."

Folk club festive party

THE Chase Folk Club celebrates its Christmas party with a singers' night tomorrow (Friday) at the Foresters Tavern, Boney Hay Road, Burntwood. Admission is £5 to cover the cost of the food. Gary and Vera Aspey will perform on December 20.

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NEWS

Toll road turns 10, but is labelled expensive flop

by Dan Wainwright

THE M6 Toll, the country's first pay-as-you-go motorway, has marked its 10th anniversary, but continues to be branded an expensive failure.

It was meant to be the answer to soaring levels of traffic and infuriating tailbacks and congestion.

But, according to new figures, an average of 44,462 a day were using it over the summer. And while that is a 13.3 per cent hike on the year before, it also includes a month of free travel for lorries during July.

That is still less than half the 100,000 a day the road was designed to take. Much of the increased traffic is thanks to roadworks on the M6.

Launched

Seven years ago around 55,542 vehicles a day were using the road. It's busiest day was in May 2004 when it got 66,295.

The free period for lorries resulted in 1,000 extra journeys a day, figures show. But politicians and transport chiefs say the road is seriously under-used and blamed the fees, £5.50 for cars and £11 for lorries, for continued congestion on the M6.

The 900m 27-mile road was launched on December 9, 2003 by the then transport secretary Alastair Darling. It connects junction 11A of the M6 between Wolverhampton and Cannock with junction 4 at Coleshill.

Midland Expressway were awarded the contract for 53 years. Back then it cost a car driver £2 to use it. Today it is £5.50. Lorries started off at £10.

Earlier this year the road's owner Macquarie Atlas Roads entered into talks with a consortium of banks about



Calls have been made to bring the M6 Toll into public ownership

renewing its £1bn-plus of loans. It came as the company's assets were valued at £1.2bn and its debts were £2.1bn. Critics say it is now time to seriously consider taking the toll road into public ownership.

Geoff Inskip, chief executive of transport authority Centro, said: "Ten years on and the M6 Toll is still failing to attract enough vehicles off the M6. If the M6 Toll cannot be made to work in terms of relieving the M6 then one solution would be to bring it into public ownership."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "The M6 Toll has

been a benefit but sadly it's priced itself out of the market. I think after 10 years we need to sit down and look at the whole thing again."

MEL chief executive Tom Fanning said the road has never cost the taxpayer a penny and that without it, there would be tens of thousands more cars on the M6 every day.

He said: "It is important to note that the M6 Toll was constructed by the private sector at no risk to the taxpayer. Without private investment, the M6 Toll would not otherwise exist and its customers would instead be adding to the existing congestion on the M6."

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NEWS

Joe puts shirt on weight loss success



From this... At his heaviest Joe weighed 14 stone-plus



To this... the 16-year-old is now regaining confidence

A PENKRIDGE schoolboy is regaining his confidence after shedding four stone in as many months.

Joe Fletcher said he couldn't bear taking his shirt off in front of classmates, with school swimming lessons a particular nightmare.

"Every week I was after an excuse not to do PE lessons," said the 16-year-old Wolgarston High School pupil.

"I'd say I was ill, or that I'd hurt my leg or had an ear infection – anything to get out of it. If I had to do it I'd usually change in the toilets."

At his heaviest, Joe, of Blount Close, Penkridge, weighed 14 stone and four-and-a-half pounds. He is now down to 10 stone, five pounds and won his slim-

ming group's annual Young Slimmer award, voted by fellow members.

"Now when I do PE I get changed with everyone, without worrying about it or stressing," he said.

"I'm still not overly confident, but it's a nice feeling not having to worry."

Joe has managed the transformation by adopting a new exercise regime at the gym, as well as by starting to cook all his meals from scratch.

Recipe

His culinary passion was first stirred by a recipe for 'Diet Coke chicken', a low-calorie alternative to the sweet and sour dishes from takeaways that he had always loved.

"I've started cooking everything from scratch and instead of chocolate

it's fruit," he said. "I'm always cooking for everyone else, doing pasta bakes and things."

Joe received support in shedding the weight at weekly Slimming World sessions at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Hill Top, Hednesford.

His mother Gill, aged 51, a consultant there, said: "I've seen such a transformation, from an un-confident lad who was embarrassed about his weight to someone with a lovely smile and with the confidence to be the person he wants to be."

She added: "It was a bit difficult for me, too, with Joe, because he had a weight problem and as a consultant you always think, 'Should I be doing more?' But then a few months ago, suddenly it just clicked with him."

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NEWS

Shoppers drawn to street market



Trader Jayne Cope at her clothing stall in Cannock



Butcher Tony Geraghty trades in Cannock town centre

A NEW street market being trialled in Cannock is being hailed as a success as it continues to draw in shoppers.

The new weekly outdoor market of around 20 stalls has been held for the last two Fridays in Cannock's Market Square.

The market will run for a trial period of six months before a review of its popularity and effect on other businesses is held in May.

Cannock Chase District Council bosses said they hoped the new market would bring 'vibrancy' to the town centre.

Father-of-one Mohammed Sharif, aged 36, of Walsall, who has taken up a stand selling footwear, said: "People have been really friendly and say they will be back. I think once more people realise the market is here, there will be a bit more interest."

Jayne Cope, of Bilston, a market trader for seven years, said the response to the market had been 'encouraging'.

Ms Cope, who has set up a clothing stall, said: "We knew this area would be right for a market. Trade has been okay. It's encouraging."

"I think the market will help bring more shoppers into the town centre so it should benefit the shops as well."



Customer Chloe Taylor, aged 18, and trader Mohammed Sharif

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CLUB NEWS

Members try hands at wreaths
SHARESHILL WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed everyone, especially two new members, to the Christmas craft evening.

A number of club members had a good time at the group meeting hosted by Hayes Green WI and more members went to Markets Day at Stafford where they were regaled by Derek Herbert with ukulele music and stories about the life of George Formby. In the afternoon, Stafford lad Mike Dilger of The One Show fame told tales of his adventures in South American rainforests and his life as a TV presenter.

This year the club have decided not to send each other Christmas cards but instead give the money to a local charity so there will be a donation box for the Air Ambulance Fund at the December meeting.

At the craft evening, Ann Legg showed 32 members how to make a 'Christmas wreath with a difference' with everyone achieving a very creditable result.

The President thanked Ann for her hard work in putting together all the ingredients needed for this task and her skill in showing people how to turn them into something beautiful.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party for members only, who are asked to bring prizes for a bumper raffle. They are also reminded to bring a present, to the value of £2 for Santa's sack.



Peter Mason with Parkinson's Support Group chairman Jenny Richardson and his portrait of the Angel taken from the Doom Window in Birmingham Cathedral

THE PENKIDGE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

talk the group enjoyed turkey rolls and mince pies.

The group meets on the fourth Wednesday in the month, at 10.30am in the Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road and new members are always welcome. Call Jenny Richardson on 01785 712008.

Colourful culture learned

CHASE TERRACE LADIES CLUB

MARGARET Cross gave a talk to the November meeting on Colourful Culture.

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NEWS

Villagers continue fight against homes scheme

Red alert for rescue team



Red, the first search dog to be trained in Staffordshire and to be used by Staffordshire Search and Rescue with handler Dave Barley, of Rugeley

SEARCH teams in Staffordshire can now dial Code Red in emergencies after a border collie and his handler passed their exams.

Dave Barley, a search and rescue volunteer, and his pet Red have completed 18 months of training and can now join the emergency services to look for missing people. They are qualified to negotiate varied terrain including high land, buildings and skips.

Red, aged two, has belonged to Mr Barley, a postman from Rugeley, since he was eight weeks old.

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CAMPAIGNERS have vowed to continue their fight against plans for a development on green belt land – despite the Environment Agency pulling its objections.

The opponents remain undeterred by the setback and have renewed their fight to stop the scheme, for more than 140 homes between Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.

The land, off Landywood Lane, is the only remaining open land between the two villages. Ten years ago they fought the same developer KGL Estate when the firm applied to build 1,500 homes on the site. The case went to the government's ombudsman and the villagers won their battle. Last week the Environment Agency dropped its objection to the new plan.

But campaigner Alan Morgan vowed: "The fight goes on. We've done it before and we'll do it again."

Argument

The application, by Cannock-based KGL, has been thrown out by South Staffordshire Council on the grounds it is a green belt site but the developer has appealed.

Mr Morgan said the move by the Environment Agency was expected and villagers would maintain their opposition.

The 64-year-old, of Streets Lane, said: "Mr Lees wants to build on green belt land and that is not on – that is where the main argument lies. If the plan is passed our two villages will be joined and will eventually become part of the urban sprawl."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, who is spearheading the campaign, has paid for letters to be sent to 8,000 homes in Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay asking for support.

Blockbuster store shuts

CANNOCK'S Blockbuster store will close for good tomorrow (Friday). A sign has been put up in the Church Street store's window. The movie and games rental chain is to be closed down by the end of the year with the loss of 1,200 jobs.



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NEWS

New Chamber president takes the reins



Chase Chamber outgoing president Anne King hands over to Paul Wilde at the annual Chamber meeting

THE NEW Chase Chamber of Commerce president is group finance director at ATP Industries Group Paul Wilde. At the Chamber's annual meeting, he succeeded Anne King, of Ultralogic Solutions, for a two-year period of office.

Mr Wilde joined the automotive components remanufacturer and became group finance director in 2000. He said: "I believe it is now time for businesses in the area to take advantage of

the opportunities available to them. I feel my knowledge will help me in the role I am about to embark upon."

Anne King is senior vice-president with Martyn Jupp, of Electrotest and Chris Wheeler from Auditel as juniors.

Automatically elected to the executive committee for two years were: Alison Mennell, Christine Thomas, David Gardiner, Glenn Watson, Grant Mitchell, James Whybrow, Nick Cooper, Paul Lewis, Philip Bradford and Steve Rogers.

Cash boost for projects

COMMUNITY groups across Cannock Chase and Lichfield have been handed cash from the Proceeds of Crime Fund.

Formerly the Local Policing Fund, the initiative by Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis supports local projects in conjunction with policing teams and local authorities.

The fund is made up of assets and money seized from criminals in Staffordshire under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Applications for the £250,000 fund were received from 129

groups or organisations across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, with 59 successful in securing full or part of the money they needed to fund their project.

Technology

Funding is being handed to initiatives in Cannock Chase including a Community Speedwatch initiative in Brereton & Ravenhill and the development of a Business Crime Reduction Partnership in Rugeley.

Money will also go to the Gateway Project to provide technology for chil-

dren with severe behavioural difficulties. The bids have to demonstrate a clear connection with reducing crime and fit into one of the Commissioner's four priority areas: intervening early, putting victims first, preventing offender and re-offending, and improving public confidence.

Mr Ellis said: "I would love to be able to fund everything but it's just not practical. We're going further than ever before to provide funding for people and this is just the start of making more money available for local areas."

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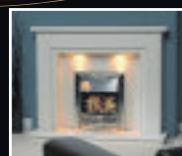
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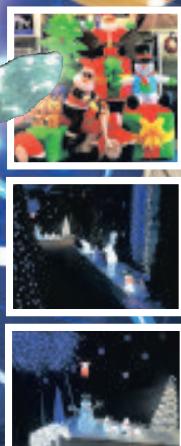
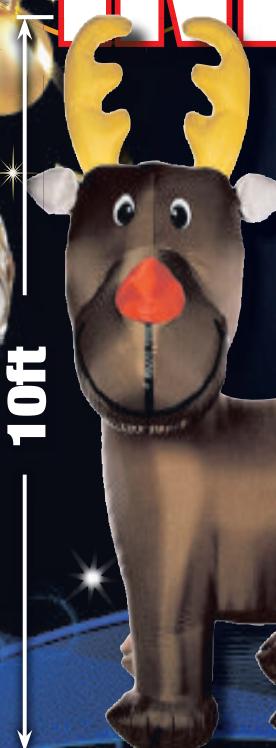
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NEWS

Hospital stay fails to mar 100th birthday milestone



With Helen are, from left, daughter Carol Deakin, granddaughters Patricia Rodger and Christine Howe, great grandson Edward Rodger, granddaughter Susan Daly, son-in-law Stanley Deakin, great-great granddaughter Lily Hopkins.

HOSPITAL staff pulled out all the stops to ensure a Rugeley woman had a 100th birthday to remember.

Helen Toye marked the milestone at Stafford Hospital with a small family party and a telegram from the Queen.

The gathering was held in the Sir Stephen Moss Day Room on Ward 10, where Mrs Toye was being treated for

pneumonia. A surprise cake was provided by the hospital's catering team.

Mrs Toye has now returned home to Copperdown Care Home, where she has lived for the past three years – taking a mountain of cards with her.

Mrs Toye has three granddaughters, nine great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. She moved to Staffordshire as a teenager in the 1930s, when her father, a tailor, opened

a shop in Rugeley – in a building now occupied by Clinton's cards.

She met her husband Ernest, a history teacher at the local grammar school, while playing tennis on the school's courts, and was married at the age of 19.

Daughter Carol Deakin, of Hagley Drive, Rugeley, said: "Her memory is failing now – but she certainly knew all about it being her birthday."

NEWS**Lion club helps out Santa**

RUGELEY Lions are supporting Santa again this year. Members are helping Father Christmas on his sleigh until December 20 and are also helping him in his grotto at Wolseley Bridge Garden Centre on weekends until Christmas, from 11.30am to 3.30pm Saturdays and until 3pm on Sundays, for a suggested donation of £4 per visit. Santa will also be at Wolseley Bridge Garden Centre for breakfasts and teas Santa from December 14 to 23 and for breakfast on Christmas Eve. To book, visit <http://www.thegardencentregroup.co.uk/garden-centres/Wolseley-Bridge-Garden-Centre/10#events>.

Chancellor in JCB visit as expansion is announced

The Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, left, with JCB Chairman Lord Bamford during a visit to JCB

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has expressed 'huge regret' at the decision by energy giant npower to axe more than 1,000 jobs in Staffordshire and Oldbury.

But there was little he could offer those whose jobs are being transferred to India except retraining and the chance to compete with one of the 'thousands' of new jobs being created in the region by firms that were expanding.

Mr Osborne spoke during a visit to digger company JCB's Staffordshire headquarters to mark the company's announcement of 2,500 new jobs being created at two new factories in the county.

Transferred

JCB is moving cab-making operations out of its site in Rugeley to a bigger 350,000 sq ft factory to be built in Beaminster, around 15 miles away.

Rugeley's 400-strong workforce will be transferred to the new site once it is completed, in around two years' time. Another factory is being built in Cheadle, while production operations at JCB's headquarters in Rocester are also being expanded.

JCB is investing £150m to create 2,500 jobs by 2015. George Osborne said JCB's

MP pleads help for staff forced to travel further

CHASE MP Aidan Burley has called for workers who have to travel further to a new factory being opened by JCB to be given transport.

The firm is to create 2,500 jobs by building a factory in Uttoxeter, replacing one at Rugeley, and an excavator manufacturing plant in Cheddle.

Mr Burley welcomed the announcement despite the Rugeley site being in his constituency. But he said he would push for support measures for workers in Rugeley.

He said: "That this world-leading Staffordshire-based company should be seeking to significantly increase sales and its investment in Staffordshire in the coming years is something of which we should all be proud and support. The company has a long relationship with Rugeley and I know that they wanted to lead that expansion from the town."

"Unfortunately, the type and size of premises was simply not available and so they had to look elsewhere in Staffordshire. I have argued for support measures to be put in place for employees who have to travel further."

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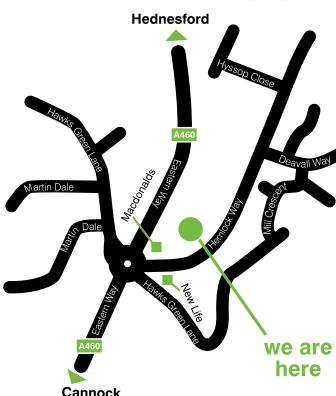
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NEWS

Festive fun for family at college animal zone

VISITORS to the Animal Zone at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston campus can visit Father Christmas in his grotto this weekend.

Families can also take part in festive games, browse seasonal crafts and enjoy magic tricks. Hot soup and mince pies will be on offer. The Winter Wonderland can be accessed between noon and 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday (December 14 and 15).

The Animal Zone is home to more than 1,000 different animals, and visitors can experience some animal encounters of the close kind and have an opportunity to see the meerkats and lemurs at meal-time. Visit <http://www.southstiffs.ac.uk/visitortcentre> or call 0300 456 2424.

Becci is first woman to take on top brigade role

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has appointed the country's first female executive director and deputy chief executive who has risen through the ranks.

Becci Bryant is the only woman in England to have achieved the prestigious position after beginning her career as an operational firefighter.

She will officially take on her new role on January 1. Becci joined the fire brigade in 1992. She was one of the first three female firefighters to enrol at Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service. She took on the role of leading firefighter and then sub-officer.

After 10 years service, she moved to Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service where she worked within the Central Training Unit.

In 2005, she joined as an assistant area commander at Newcastle Fire Station and then as area commander for Tamworth.

Control

In 2010, Becci took on the challenge of leading the Business Transformation Team. Under her current role as director of organisational development, she has led the joint fire control project between Staffordshire and West Midlands Fire Service.

She said: "I am really looking forward to taking on this new challenge and helping to shape the future of the fire service in Staffordshire."

Chief Fire Officer Peter Dartford said: "I am confident she will make a positive contribution to the leadership of the service."

Fir authority chairman Len Bloomer said her determination and commitment to putting the county on the map nationally was commendable.

Rock Dogs' date

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs play at The Talbot, Huddersfield Road, Heath Hayes from 9pm on Saturday (December 14). Entry is free. The band performs covers from the likes of Kings of Leon, Rolling Stones, and Foo Fighters.

Bag-packing pupils to raise funds for appeal

A SUPERMARKET is teaming up with pupils to raise money for ITV's Text Santa charity appeal.

Morrisons in Mill Street Cannock has invited youngsters from Bridgtown Primary to help pack customers' bags today (Thursday) between 10am and 3pm.

The money raised will go to Age UK, Barnardo's, Beat-Bullying, British Heart Foundation, CLIC Sargent and Help The Hospices.

Morrisons is also helping to raise money for the TV appeal by selling Ant & Dec-designed Santa hats, gingerbread biscuits, bags for life and a selection of clothing.

NEWS**Unwanted books plea**

RESIDENTS in Hedgesford are being encouraged to donate unwanted books to a project helping children living in poverty in Malawi.

Zoe Kasuya, aged 37, has been working for Krizevac since 2009. The charity helps organisations in deprived communities to succeed by constructing buildings and providing essential equipment.

She has now launched a book recycling appeal. She said: "We send a huge container of goods to Malawi every other month with thousands of books."

Books can be donated to Mabul Communications in Walkers Rise, Hedgesford.



Wayne Evans could make the Team GB archery squad in the 2016 Paralympics

A FATHER-of-three hopes to make it to Paralympics in Rio – after a devastating accident left him in a wheelchair.

Wayne Evans has been told he could make the archery squad – just a year after taking up the sport.

The 47-year-old turned to archery after a second blow to his health ruled him out of the GB team for rugby.

He vowed: "I will go to the Paralympics – no matter what the sport."

Mr Evans suffers from Scheuermann's disease, an hereditary condition which leads to the narrowing of the bones in his spine.

The condition, which means he cannot walk more than a few feet without the aid of a stick, was sparked by a fall from his lorry in 2003.

He recovered from the accident at McGarrigies Transport in Four Ashes after a year off work but suffered a relapse four years ago when he

collapsed at his home in Heath Hayes. It was a further deterioration in his condition in January that forced him to quit rugby. He became so depressed that his children paid for a holiday in Majorca for himself and his wife, and it was there that he first tried out his skills with a bow.

He attended a Paralympic open day at Lillenshall in Shropshire and is now being trained by a GB coach. The former HGV driver is now training four hours a day, six days a week.

Focus

Wayne said: "I've been told I've got a 50-50 chance of making Rio but that I should really focus on Tokyo in 2020. I will be 53 then which is in the age range of many of the top archers. But I really want to make it to 2016."

Wayne was a runner in his youth. He also boxed with Rugeley Police Boys and played golf, getting down to a nine handicap within a year after joining Chase Golf Club in Cannock.

Driver hurt in collision

A DRIVER was freed by fire-fighters after her collided with a stationary vehicle.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the incident in Great Wyrley last Friday, December 6.

It happened at around 10.35am on the car park of Quinton Shopping Precinct in Wardles Lane. A blue Vauxhall Corsa in collision with a parked unoccupied silver Mitsubishi Shogun.

The 65-year-old driver from Walsall was taken to the Manor Hospital and later transferred to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham where she remains 'stable'. Witnesses are asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101.

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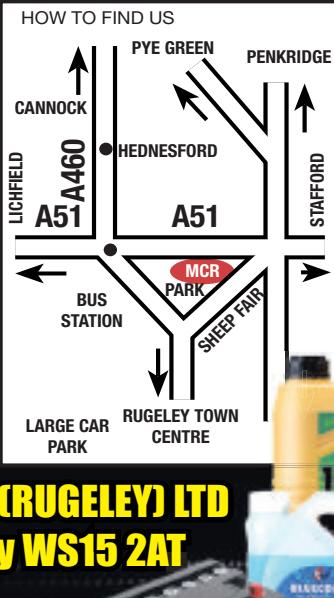
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NEWS

It's never OK is message as campaign relaunched

A HIGH-profile campaign to help reduce alcohol-related and domestic violence in Cannock Chase has been relaunched.

The Chase Community Partnership will be re-running the 'It's Never OK' Christmas campaign for the third year this weekend.

The campaign starts tomorrow (Friday) in Rugeley town centre and is being carried out in Cannock town centre on Saturday (December 14).

It is aimed at addressing and reducing alcohol related and domestic violence over the festive period.

'It's Never OK' was originally launched in 2011 and was a huge success, reducing alcohol related violence by 23 per cent with domestic violence incidents reduced by a third.

Revellers

'Violent night' posters, aimed at reducing alcohol-related incidents will be displayed in pub toilets and staff will wear 'It's Never OK' badges. As part of the Taxi Marshall's scheme, taxi drivers will also be handing out flyers to night time revellers who are on their way home.

'Season's Beatings' posters, concentrating on domestic abuse, will be displayed in female pub toilets, while a different poster in male toilets will target perpetrators and challenge behaviour.

Councillor Mike Holder, leader for crime and partnerships said: "We want our campaign to send a strong message that 'It's Never Ok' to commit any type of alcohol-related violence."

Chief Inspector Carl Ratcliffe, Commander of Cannock Chase District Local Policing Team, said "Our focus is to keep the district of Cannock Chase a safe place for all to enjoy. This cam-



Karla Vowles, Cannock Council partnership projects officer, Anne Holdcroft, County Council Targeted Youth Support, Richard Hughes, of Arch; Councillor Mike Holder, leader for crime and partnerships, Kelly McCulloch, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Sgt Tracy McKenzie, Staffordshire Police

aign is aimed at the small minority of people who can, on occasion, become involved in violence while under the influence of alcohol.

Highlights

"This can in turn have serious repercussions for them, their families and a devastating affect on victims and other members of the community."

Prevent manager for the west of the county Carmel Warren said: "This is a vital safety campaign which highlights the fact that the festive period isn't fun and games for everyone. Some people suffer domestic violence while others are attacked by people who have had too much to drink."

Female victims are asked to call Staffordshire Women's Aid on 0870 2700 123, while male domestic abuse victims should contact Arch on 01782 633702. For further information about the 'It's Never OK' campaign visit www.cannockchasesdc.gov.uk/itsneverok

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NEWS

Scene and Hurd to win photo contest



Gail Hurd from Cannock receives her brand new camera from Specsavers Director Minal Naik. They are joined by, from left, runners up, Peter Stirke and Joe Banton, along with Specsavers Rugeley branch manager, Sarah Stone



Gail Hurd's Cannock Chase picture which won the competition

A KEEN photographer is snap happy after landing a new camera in a competition run by Specsavers opticians.

Gail Hurd, a 38-year-old student and a full-time mother-of-two, won a Pentax Optio WG-2 camera after her atmospheric shot of Cannock Chase was judged the best of more than 100 entries.

A pair of designer sunglasses, worth £125 each, go to two runners-up. They were Peter Stirke and Joe Banton.

Gail, of Cannock, is studying psychology through the Open University and took her picture while on an online photography course.

Branches

She said: "I was really surprised. I had been doing an online photography course so submitted pictures I had taken for that. I didn't expect to win at all."

The competition was the first one run by Specsavers, which has branches in Cannock and Rugeley. The brief was to capture the essence of Cannock Chase.

Minal Naik, a store director at Specsavers Rugeley and a competition judge said: "We were amazed not only at the number of entries, but also the quality of the photographs."



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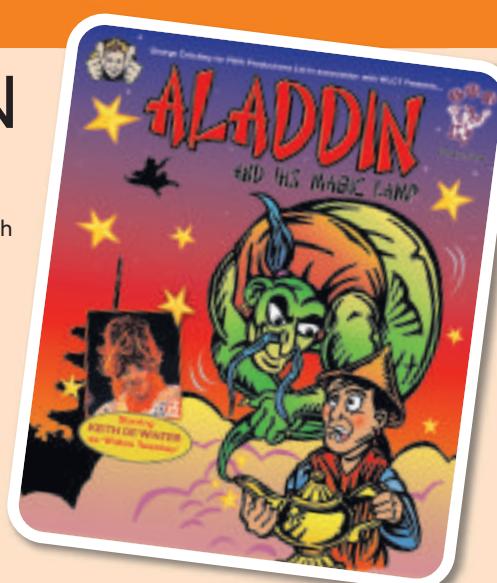
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NEWS

MP: Autumn Statement will benefit high street

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has welcomed the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. The MP, whose constituency includes Great Wyrley, Cheshire Hay and Huntington, say the plans will help the high street.

He said the measures announced by George Osborne would benefit 3,000 businesses and create jobs. The package includes a business rate discount of up to £1,000 for retail premises including shops, cafés, pubs and restaurants.

Other measures include a two per cent cap on business rates; halving the rates bills of businesses taking over premises unoccupied for more than a year; and extending the doubling of the Small Business Rate Relief to April 2015.

Mr Williamson said: "This help for the high street is such good news."

Police in new recruitment drive as eight PCSOs to join

EIGHT community support officers are being taken on by Staffordshire Police. The force is increasing the number of PCSOs from 214 to 222 as part of a recruitment drive.

Chief Constable Mike Cunningham said: "I want the very best people to join us in serving the communities and we have created an online application process to help us find the very best candidates."

The PCSO is very much part of the Staffordshire Police family and their work is really valued by both the communities they serve and the police officers they work closely with.

The role of a PCSO can be challenging but also very rewarding and I'm looking for people with a real passion for working with people and who have the determination to deliver the very best service."

Fourteen PCs were recruited earlier this year as the force ended its three-year jobs freeze. More than 1,000 people applied for the jobs.

Important

The new officers include PCs Aiden Bolas from Great Wyrley, Luke Gilbert from Stafford and Katie Page from Burntwood, who will all be based at Cannock Chase District Local Policing Team.

Pc Anthony Wilkowsky from Rugeley will be based at Stafford.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "The recruitment of new officers is important. New blood is needed to ensure the best policing in the future."

Anyone wishing to apply for one of the PCSO roles is advised to visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/careers for more information.

Crash shuts road

A BUSY road was closed after a crash between a lorry and a van, bringing rush-hour traffic to a standstill. Police were called out to A5 Watling Street at the junction of Norton Lane near Brownhills at around 9am on Tuesday.

Capitalise on success, says business leader

A BUSINESS leader has welcomed Small Business Saturday and called on the Government to capitalise on its success. Last Saturday, one of the busiest shopping days of the year, saw the first event of its kind in the UK.

Chris Plant, director of Chase Chamber of Commerce, said: "The Government is right to say that Britain is a great place to start a business. Now it needs to become a great place to grow a business, too."

The Government-led initiative to help independent shops and local service providers has taken off in America where it is credited with putting billions in the pockets of small traders.

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NEWS

Ringing changes as old bank will now be wine bar

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a former bank in Hednesford town centre to become a wine bar.

The old Lloyds Bank in Market Street, was a bookmakers until recently but will now be converted into a bar called The Bank.

The plans have been hailed as a boost for the town by Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson, who says it will improve Hednesford's night life.

Author pens first novel in 27 years



Rosemary Craddock from Uxbridge Street, Hednesford with her new book, *The Lovegrove Hermit*

A FORMER school teacher turned author has released her eighth book - after a 27-year gap.

Rosemary Craddock published her last novel, *The Devil's Folly*, in 1986. After almost three decades away, she is now back with her latest book entitled *The Lovegrove Hermit*, a murder mystery set in 1819.

The 80-year-old said: "I'm delighted after all this time to be back with a new book. I started writing *The Lovegrove Hermit* about two years ago and I'm delighted it is now out."

Miss Craddock, who lives in Hednesford, was a keen writer as a child.

Her first book was entitled *The Secret House* and came out in 1979 and she then went on to have a book published nearly every year until 1986. After that she felt like she needed a break from publishing any more novels but continued to write.

The book is available to buy at Hednesford library, in Anglesey Street and online. It costs £19.99.

Tree – to the manor adorn



Volunteer Peggy Hewitt adds the finishing touches to the magnificent festive tree

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Wightwick Manor has put the finishing touches to its Christmas decoration ahead of a packed festive schedule. Volunteers, including Peggy Hewitt, helped assemble the tree in the Wightwick Bank-based house.

Events at the manor during the coming

weeks include four carol concerts and breakfast with Santa – the latter sold out in September. John Wood, conservation and engagement manager at the manor, said: "As always the decorations look amazing. We've gone for a very traditional look this year and it has a very magical feel." Children can see Santa at the manor this weekend and on December 21 and 22 from midday onwards.

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Voters urged to stay away from parties backing HS2

ANTI-HS2 activists have launched a new campaign urging a million people not to vote for the parties supporting the £50 billion project.

The 'No Votes For You with HS2' campaign is appealing to all those affected by the high speed rail link across the country to refuse votes to parties in support of the project.

by Kirsten Rawlins

The Conservative/Lib Dem coalition is pushing ahead with plans for the route, linking London and Birmingham before forking north to Leeds and Manchester. Labour has pledged its support if further financial details are revealed.

The campaign is being spearheaded by All Staffordshire Action Groups Against HS2 and the national Stop HS2 group. A publicity drive has been launched with material distributed to all political parties and all Stop HS2 groups.

ASAGA HS2 campaigner Trevor Forrester said: "There are 540,000 properties – and between 700,000 and one million people – affected up and down the country by HS2."

"We will be urging one million people to turn away

from the main three parties which are in support of HS2. I simply cannot understand why anyone who is affected by HS2 could ever be in support of the parties who are backing the project."

Meanwhile, engineering chiefs at HS2 have allayed concerns over disruption to roads during the creation of the high-speed line.

More than 40 roads and bridleways in Staffordshire could be closed.

Work on the 119-mile stretch of high speed track is due to begin in 2016 to 17 and be completed by 2026.

But bosses for HS2 said they had spent months consulting people and, where possible, altered plans to reduce the impact on residents.

Portillo in favour



Michael Portillo addresses the audience in Codsall

FORMER cabinet minister Michael Portillo has spoken out in favour of the £50bn HS2 rail project.

Speaking at St Nicholas' Church in Codsall on Tuesday night, the railway enthusiast said: "Our Victorian infrastructure has done us well, but we now need a 21st century infrastructure, which is the decision Spain, France, Germany, Italy, China and Japan have all made."

The politician, who presents the documentary series Great British Railway Journeys, said: "I am in favour of HS2. The Bradshaw Handbook I use for my programme describes a Britain out in the lead, ahead of every other country, boldly building railways."

"Economic growth at the moment is largely restricted to the south. The north has to be joined to the south by the most modern communications."

The high-speed rail link has met fierce opposition from campaigners who say it will cut up swathes of the countryside. Mr Portillo said: "There is nothing new about this. All railways, motorways and all development is resisted."

The former Tory defence secretary was booked by St Nicholas' Railway Circle and attracted a packed out room of delighted fans who queued up to have their pictures taken with Mr Portillo.

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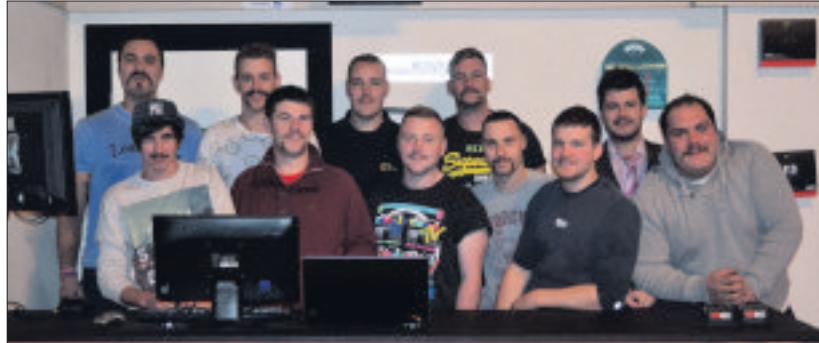
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Workers face up to Movember challenge



RedBitz

Staff at Red Bitz, in Bridgtown, who raised £600 for Movember, a figure that could be doubled by a customer

THERE were some hairy looks as staff at a vehicle maintenance firm raised money to for a male cancer cause.

Eleven employees at Red Bitz, on the A5 at Bridgtown, grew moustaches for the Movember campaign, collecting £600. A customer has promised to double that tally if the firm can produce a racing car engine for him before January

8. Red Bitz then hopes to hand over £1,200 for the cause. Director Barry Saunders, who led the initiative, said everyone had got into the spirit. "We did have some strange looks from people wondering why we had grown silly moustaches," said Barry, aged 27. "It was the first time we'd done it but it was for a good cause and we'd do it again."

County council cuts blow

JOBs are at risk, street lights could go out and buildings sold off under plans for £109 million of cuts unveiled by Staffordshire County Council.

The cuts will be made over the next five years with job losses not ruled out.

The future of 38 youth clubs run by the authority has been plunged into doubt in a bid to save £4.5m with a review and consultation due to start in the new year.

Deputy council leader Ian Parry said the authority hoped to work with groups and organisations outside the council to run better services for young people. He said only one in five of the 73,000 young people in Staffordshire

was using the youth clubs. He said: "It is essential for us to work even closer with public sector partners, so that the £7.5 billion of public money spent in Staffordshire each year is spent wisely and effectively, reducing the burden on taxpayers."

Limited

The art exhibition space in the Shire Hall Gallery in Market Square would also be 'vacated' under a council review of its Arts provision in a move that would save up to £218,000 a year.

Potential night time switch off of street lighting in a limited amount of areas could also save thousands, while there are also plans to cut £4m from the budget that pays for adaptations to

elderly people's homes. The authority needs to save £19m in 2014/15, around £30m the following year and £20m the year after that.

It has to find an extra £2.6m next year to pump into children in care, and an extra £1.5m will be invested in people with learning disabilities. There are plans to freeze council tax in 2014/15 – but that depends on details of the council's grant settlement from Government later this month.

Council leader Philip Atkins said: "There are challenges ahead and tough decisions to be made. It is our role at the county council to put the right foundations in place that encourage economic growth, create jobs and the prosperity that brings."

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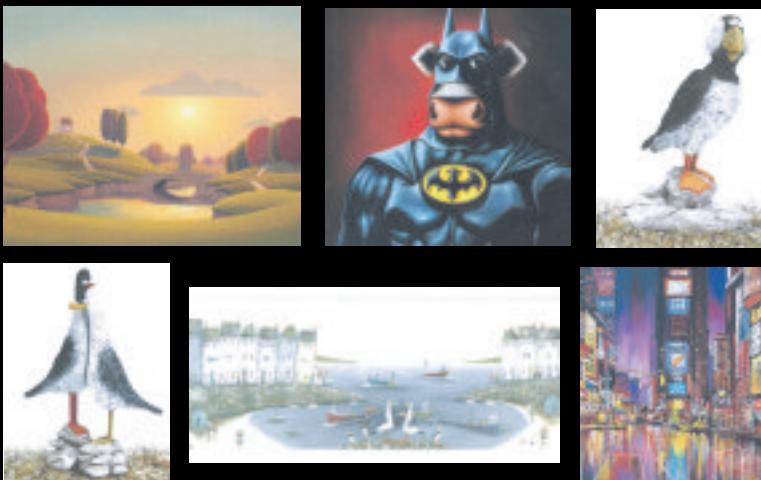


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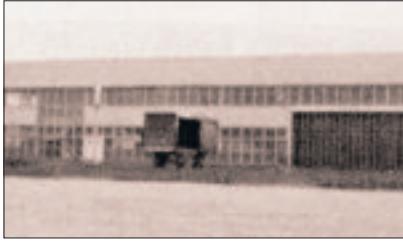
The Schrader Bellows Factory in Walkmill Lane, built in the 1950s



Schrader Bellows staff with Snoopy to publicise a charity event



Demolition begins on the Whitehouse Brothers factory



J Lucas (Automotive) was one of the biggest employers

Industry was the beating heart of village for years

THE village of Bridgtown is so-called because it was impossible to enter or exit without passing under over a bridge.

Its very existence, however, comes from the positioning of collieries and tool edge works around the vicinity.

In Bridgtown & Beyond, author David Williams, from the Bridgtown & District Local History Society, looks at the world of work, 'Bridgtown's Beating Heart.'

The book is the fourth about the history of the village and its people. David writes: 'Bridgtown was built to house the working man. It was built on the concept of bringing together the world of work and the world of home.'

The chapter features pictures not previously published, including one taken inside Whitehouse Brothers on Watling Street. It shows the staff hard at work as they shape metal on an anvil.

In the 1930s, Whitehouse Brothers Works had turned into a foundry by EW Wynn Iron Founders. David said to many elderly villagers, it was this factory that represented the noisy, dirty and smelly nature of Bridgtown's industry. However, by the 1960s, times began to change and industry no longer dominated. The old factory was demolished to make way for commercial buildings.

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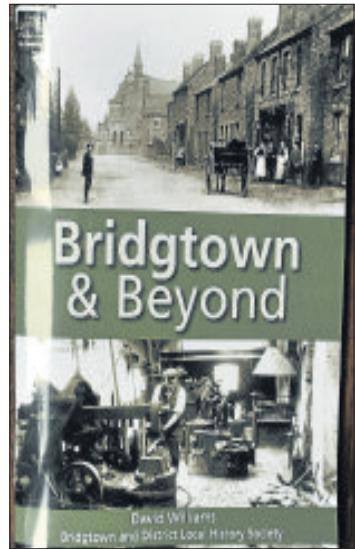
Hawkins Tilers on Watling Street, Elliott Lucas in nearby Churchbridge and Schrader Bellows were all leading employers over the years and also feature. The latter, in Walkmill Lane, was built in the boom following the Second World War and manufactured air control valves, preparation units and cylinders as well as pneumatic accessories. A modern factory that gave Bridgtown a more up-to-date look in the 1950s, it tended to employ staff

from a wider demographic area, though the workforce was still keen to join in with local events, as evidenced by the picture of staff with Snoopy to publicise a charity function.

Another business to feature is J Lucas (Automotive), built in the 1950s on recreation land next to Vine Lane Garage. The Lucas factory made car headlights and at was once the largest employer in the Cannock area, with a workforce of nearly 2,000. It later evolved into Carello Lighting and Automotive Lighting.

Although officially over the border in Cheslyn Hay, Coppice Colliery stood in Walkmill Lane and would have employed many villagers. Once the mining days were over, the site was taken over by Redland Bricks and the old chimney stack had to come down, a job for well-known steeplejack Fred Dibnah.

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REVIEWS

Kate serves festive feast



Kate Rusby

Show of Hands
Wulfrun Hall, W-ton.

SHOW OF HANDS fans got a double treat at the Wulfrun as the trio provided their own support with Steve Knightley, Miranda Sykes and Phil Beer each doing a solo spot as warm up acts.

Knightley, who opened, was fighting a chest infection which meant he occasionally struggled with his singing but he battled on.

COMPANY TOWN was his first offering moving into Hook of Love and, for his final offering, he did an a capella version of Low Down in the Broom.

Beer's set was Weathercock, Cocaine Blues and a bluegrass number, Devil's Right Hand. Then on came Miranda Sykes whose songs included the Window Box and the eerily moving My Sister the Moon.

AS A TRIO for the second half they pulled out the haunting Crows on the Cradle. Knightley then sang about the ship which ran aground, The Napoli.

THE HIGHLIGHT was the trio's version of Katrina which was an evocative song with Sykes on double bass and simple but effective lighting. DF

Kate Rusby
Civic Hall, Wolverhampton.

IF THE ANGELIC tones of Kate Rusby and her Christmas show don't get you in the festive mood then you have probably never experienced the magic of the season.

CURLED HAIR as ever and with a voice that seemed a little more gravelly than usual she opened with the first of three versions of While Shepherds Watch, Cranbrook which is sung to On Ilkley Moor.

OUNDING a little like a headmistress giving an address at a school assembly she gave fans the background to the songs which would make up the night's set.

The Old Dance School, Glee Club, Birmingham

THE OLD DANCE SCHOOL came home for this rescheduled gig at the Glee Club from what has been an extensive tour.

TODS IS ONE of those bands in the vein of Bellowhead which have their feet firmly in the folk tradition but have expanded into the fusion strand introducing other elements of music into their sound.

THEY OPENED with a slow air, the Enlli Light from their album, Chasing The Light. This gave way to a Dick Gaughan song about Irish migration, a soft ballad which had a funky opening from Aaron Diaz on trumpet.

THEY RAN THROUGH quite a medley of album tracks one of which was The Taxidermist, from Forecast. It was another of those long instrumental which TODS does so well. Also from that album was Strange Highway which has a blues-style opener with Robin Beatty providing the singing for the soft ballad.

AS IN SO MANY of their songs Helen Lancaster and fellow fiddle player Samantha Norman were superb, with Norman gliding along with serpentine movements as she played. DF

Martyn Joseph, Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton

MARTYN JOSEPH performs like he came out of the womb holding a guitar. Here, he did his own set and became his own support as the scheduled act had dropped out.

ONE OF HIS opening songs Beyond Us from Songs for the Coming Home album was a much gutsier sounding version than the recording. It would be unusual to find a Welsh folk singer who didn't include at least one song about mining and Joseph brought out Dic Penderyn (The Ballad of Richard Lewis) which is the story of a miner and activist who was hanged.

HIS STRONG voice and precise picking produced a great ballad in All This Time which was given a nice flourish at the end with The Beatles' Here Comes the Sun.

JOSPEH MOVED into a bluesier number, Everything Is Grace, which is somewhat of a favourite with his fans.

THROUGHOUT THE whole set his passion and enthusiasm, and a certain spirituality, was evident in every song. DF

Capercaillie
Town Hall, Birmingham

FOR 30 YEARS Capercaillie have been bringing the haunting sound of The Highlands; of Celtic legend and their own blend of folk music to audiences worldwide.

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KAREN MATHESON moved in and out of the concert sitting out tunes such as the Jura Wedding Reels while the rest of the band showed their skill with their respective instruments. There was Manus Lunny on bouzouki, Michael McGoldrick on flute and the superb Donald Shaw on accordion.

THE BAND TOOK the audience through Fainne An Dochais(Ring of Hope), the Quimper Waltz from Brittany, the Hare's Paw and on to Rose Cottage.

THEY OPENED the second half with Ailein Duinn before Matheson's wonderfully Celtic voice soared with Abu Chuibhl (Spinning Wheel), Nial Si I Ngira (She's Not In Love).

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FOCUS ON BURNTWOOD**Have a ball to help out Stephen's charity bid**

A CHARITY ball in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust will be held on Saturday.

The event has been organised by Stephen Sutton, aged 18, who has incurable cancer.

The former Chase Terrace Technology College student has been fighting cancer for three years and has set up a bucket-list of 46 things he would like to do.

He aims to raise £150,000 for the trust having recently passed the £120,000 mark.

The ball at Burntwood Rugby Club, Sportsway, will offer a three-course meal, a raffle and an auction, as well as entertainment from a live band and DJ.

Tickets cost £45 each or tables of 12 can be bought for £480. Anyone attending is asked to dress to impress.

All money raised will go towards the charity. For details, or for tickets email Stephen at stephen@stephensstory.com

Visit Santa at Wych Elm pub

YOUNG children and their parents can visit Father Christmas at a Burntwood pub this weekend.

The Wych Elm in Bridge Cross Road, will have a Santa's grotto every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas day from 5-8pm.

For booking forms or more details call 01543 682261.

Hundreds to make light work of lantern parade

HUNDREDS of people are expected to descend on Burntwood for this year's lantern parade this weekend.

The event, which has been organised by community group Forward Action Burntwood (FAB), takes place on Saturday (December 14) at 4.30pm.

It will feature lanterns of all different shapes and sizes, which have been created during a series of workshops by adults and children.

The parade will leave from Redwood Park and make its way around local streets including Sankey's Corner, Lebanon Grove and Rugeley Road, before arriving at the town centre where there will be a Christmas market.

Stalls

FAB chairman Sharon Whitchurch said: "The market is being hosted and organised by Burntwood Churches Together, led by Pastor Sandy McMeekin. We've called it the Burntwood Big Christmas.

"There will be a short carol service and a host of wonderful stalls. The aim is

by Charlotte Lilley

that the whole event is recognised as a community one, involving the civic, commercial, church and community working together for the good of Burntwood.

"As always, it promises to be a truly magical way to begin your Christmas preparations, regardless of your age."

Many people in Burntwood have said that it has become their new tradition and now marks the start of Christmas in their house so I hope a lot of people will come along and join in the fun."

Last year more than 200 people turned out to take part in the annual parade with more than 60 lanterns. This year it is expected to draw in even more people.

For more information visit the FAB Facebook page.

Cash aid for community groups

A TOTAL of 40 good causes have benefited from cash distributed by Burntwood Town Council. Chairman and vice-chairman Councillors Ron Bradbury and Sharon Banevicius presented cheques totalling £9,240 at a grant aid presentation at Burntwood Memorial Institute.

Staff given job pledge as store to close



The Tesco Express store at Cannock Road, Burntwood, which will close its doors next February

TESCO bosses say they will try to find jobs for its 19 staff at a Burntwood store which closes next year.

Tesco Express, which bosses say has been under-performing, will close at the end of February.

A consultation with workers has been launched.

Bosses said the Cannock Road store had 'not been performing to expectations for a number of years'.

2,994sq ft convenience store first opened in November 2008 as a Tesco Metro measuring more than 10,000sq ft. But less than 12 months later, it was downsized to the smaller Express store.

A new Aldi in Bridge Cross Road opened nearby 12 months ago and there is also a Morrisons nearby.

Tesco spokesman Simon Petar, said:

"Our priority is to support our colleagues and we will do everything we can to find them alternative jobs within Tesco."

"Closing the store was a really difficult decision but we will continue to serve customers in Burntwood from our nearby stores in Brownhills, Cannock and Halesowen."

"The store has not been performing as we had hoped for a number of years."

Have a say on waste strategy in district

RESIDENTS in Burntwood are being asked to have their say on how waste is dealt with across Lichfield district in the future.

Lichfield District Council has set up a consultation to decide how rubbish and recycling will be handled until 2020.

The authority is one of 10 across Staffordshire which work together to manage the waste collected from homes and businesses as part of the Staffordshire Waste Partnership. Many targets in the original strategy are on schedule to be met, so a new plan is being drawn up.

District council leader Councillor Mike Wilcox said: "As this strategy goes across the county and will affect our district, it's really important that local views are fed into this consultation."

For more details, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/jointwastestrategy

Air concerns to the police

BURNTWOOD residents can have a say on neighbourhood issues this weekend.

Staffordshire Police officers will be on hand to answer any questions from 11am on Saturday at Morley Road Shopping Centre.

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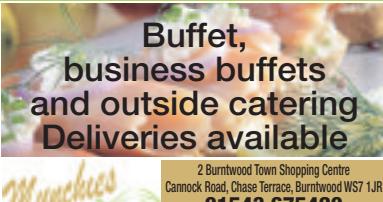
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What's On!

REVIEW
All you need for magical Christmas

A Magical Merry Christmas, CWAGMS, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

HOW often does one hear members of choral groups declare that they put on a concert in order to give all of their members a chance to step into the limelight with a solo-spot?

And how often do some said performers cause embarrassment, when it is clear why not everyone who sings with a group is not necessarily soloist material. Not so with this concert. Every soloist did credit to themselves and the company.

Add to this some good-quality chorus singing and one has the recipe for a truly 'magical' piece of Christmas entertainment.

The main theme of director/producer Sharron Burns' show was a family's Christmas Eve preparations the Big Day and Boxing Day with extended-family, together with an extra uninvited, unwelcome guest and a return invitation to a New Year party.

The linking dialogue was well-written and full of humour with good characterisations by all the actors.

A full orchestra, under the direction of Brian Hurst, together with excellent sound and lighting – not forgetting a New Year's Eve Piper – made this indeed a truly 'Magical Merry Christmas'.

Bryan Till

A DANCER strike an iconic pose associated with the late great King of Pop Michael Jackson, whose music and dance moves are celebrated in West End hit Thriller, which is coming to Birmingham this festive season.

Strictly sensational dancing line-up on the ballroom tour

Thriller nights at Jackson tribute



A DANCER strike an iconic pose associated with the late great King of Pop Michael Jackson, whose music and dance moves are celebrated in West End hit Thriller, which is coming to Birmingham this festive season.

The all-singing all-dancing cast will include Cleo Higgins, the Birmingham-born singer who briefly found fame in the teen group Cleopatra before hitting the headlines again with her appearance on The Voice.

The show will be staged at the ICC Hall 1, part of the same city centre complex as the Symphony Hall, from this Saturday to January 5.

Visit the website at thsh.co.uk for more details.

THE FIRST celebrities to join the Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour 2014 – including a show at Birmingham NIA next month – have been announced.

Former England Rugby World Cup winner Ben Cohen, Coronation Street star Natalie Gumede and actor and funny man Mark Benton will be wowing the audience when the tour visits Birmingham on January 17.

Also taking part will be Natalie's main rivals for the glitterball, model Abbey Clancy – who got the perfect score for her disco routine on the TV show – and TV presenter Susanna Reid.

Host

The celebrity dancer line-up so far features from the early rounds Deborah Meaden and from series ten Westlife singer Nicky Byrne.

Alongside the celebrity dancers, Craig Revel Horwood, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli are back as the tour's formidable judges.

They will be on hand to give their expert feedback and all important scores to the celebrities and their dance pro partners.

They will be joined by former Strictly favourite Lisa Riley, who returns to the dance floor as host of the 2014 tour.

Ben Cohen said: "I love to



Natalie Gumede keeps dancing at Birmingham NIA

test myself and Strictly has certainly been a challenge."

Natalie Gumede added: "I'm hugely excited to be part of the Strictly tour, it's the perfect excuse to keep dancing! Dancing for all the fans who have voted to keep me in the show will be really special, I can't wait."

See thenia.co.uk for further details.

Big O and friends entertain at venue
ROY Orbison and Friends entertain at Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre tomorrow night (Friday).

Barry Steele takes the Church Street audience on an incredible musical journey, presenting his all live spectacular multi-media tribute to The Big O. It features classic Orbison hits, backed by a five-piece band, and uses original film footage.

Added to the mix will be tributes to Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £19.50. Call 01543 578762.

Reliving sounds of the Fab Four

ONE of the foremost Beatles tribute bands return to Cannock's Prince of Wales Centre this weekend.

The Complete Beatles have wowed the audience on two previous visits to the Church Street centre.

They have starred alongside Gerry & The Pacemakers in the show Back to the Cavern and perform at the Prince of Wales Centre on Saturday night (December 14) at 8pm. Tickets are £15 on 01543 578762.

Tribute to Eagles

NOW in their 16th year together, Talon have been recognised as the world's most definitive Eagles tribute act. They perform hits like Lyin' Eyes, Desperado, Take It Easy and Hotel California at the Prince of Wales Centre on Sunday, with tickets priced at £20 for a 7.30pm show. Call 01543 578762.

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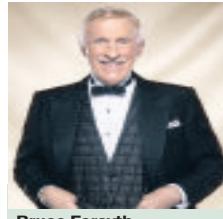
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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 14.12.13

CHOICE



Bruce Forsyth

Strictly Come Dancing

BBC1, 6.40pm

Whether it was Susanna Reid being possessed by the spirit of the paso doble in Blackpool, Natalie Gumede wowing us with a Charleston, or just the expression on Brendan Cole's face when the judges suggested his rumba with Sophie Ellis-Bextor wasn't quite raunchy enough, this year's Strictly Come Dancing has provided us with plenty of memorable moments. In our eyes, all the celebs are winners, but sadly only four can make it to next week's final and be in with a chance of getting their mitts on that mirrorball trophy.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportday. **1.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Gymnastics. Highlights of the World Cup event from Glasgow. **4.00** Final Score. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.50** Pointless. Quirky.
- 6.40** Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the semi-final.
- 8.20** Atlantis. Jason helps himself to an abandoned feast, which causes him to start demonstrating some seriously strange behaviour, and it falls to Hercules and Pythagoras to save their friend.
- 9.05** Country. A young couple seek refuge at a farm for the birth of their baby, while a man receives an electric shock from a Christmas tree, disrupting Sam and Tom's wedding plans.
- 9.55** The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball draw.
- 10.05** BBC News; Weather.
- 10.25** Match of the Day. Highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures, which included Manchester City v Arsenal at the Etihad Stadium and Newcastle United v Southampton at St James' Park; National Lottery Update.
- 11.55** The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Leicester City v Burnley.
- 1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.35** Film: Teacher's Pet. (2004) **7.45** Film: Anything But Christmas. (2012) **9.15** Film: Animal Farm. (1954) **10.30** Reel History of Britain. (1954) **11.00** Animal Park. (R) **12.00** Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. (R) **12.45** Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. (R) **1.30** Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. (R) **2.15** Coast. (R) **3.10** Doctor Who Mastermind. (R) **3.40** Weakest Link. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Film: Tron. (1982)
- 7.00** Me, You and Doctor Who: A Culture Show Special. (R) Professor Brian Cox explores the science behind the long-running sci-fi series and explores the physics that allows the Doctor to travel through space and time. (R)
- 10.55** The Wrong Mans. Sam, a council employee, mistakes identity with two council employees into the middle of a deadly criminal plot. Comedy thriller with James Corden and Mathew Baynton. (R)
- 11.25** The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil try to rescue Mr Stevens' wife. (R)
- 11.55** The Wrong Mans. (R) **12.25** Film: Shout at the Devil. (1976) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Babou. **6.10** The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Text Santa: Help with Homework. (R) **7.25** Kokaboo. **7.35** Harry Hattitude. (R) **7.45** Santa. Help with Hattitude. (R) **7.50** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.00** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.15** Bottom Knocker Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Home of Fabulous Comedy. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** ITV News. **11.30** Film: Columbo: Agenda for Murder. (1990) **1.30** Doc Martin. (R) **2.30** Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) **5.05** The Big Christmas Reunion.
- 6.05** Regional Programme; Weather.
- 6.15** ITV News; Weather.
- 6.30** New You've Been Framed!
- 7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Arlene Phillips, Dermiud Gavins, Huw Edwards and Micky Flanagan.
- 8.00** The X Factor. The three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final, featuring performances by the Killers and Tom Odell. Dermot O'Leary hosts. Concludes tomorrow at 7.30pm.
- 10.05** The Jonathan Ross Show. **11.10** ITV News; Weather.
- 11.25** Take Me Out. A rugby player, a student, a morris dancer and a security adviser take part. Last in the series. (R)
- 12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.15** The Hobbs. (R) **6.40** Beach Volleyball. (R) **7.30** Survival of the Fittest. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Heston's Foodie Christmas. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R)
- 6.05** Come Dine with Me. Fun-loving salesman Charlie Spiteri hosts the final festive dinner party in south-east London, hoping to impress his guests with a three-course meal and a snow machine. (R)
- 6.35** Channel 4 News.
- 7.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson takes the war back to Centipede, and this time he brings in Mike Peterson for some super-soldier support. As they get closer to the truth, surprising secrets are revealed. (R)
- 8.00** Cornwall: Walking Through History. Tony Robinson treks along the coastline between Plymouth and Falmouth, learning about the smuggling trade in Cornwall during the late 18th century. Last in the series.
- 9.00** Psychopath Night. Documentary going inside the minds of psychopaths, finding out how to spot them and counting down the top 10 mentally deranged movie characters, as selected by experts.
- 10.55** Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Thriller, starring Harrison Ford.
- 1.35** Stand Up for the Week. (R)
- 2.20** Fresh Meat. (R) **3.05** The Silent City. (R) **3.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.25** 90210.

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.35** Sluggerra. **11.00** The Great Christmas Toy Giveaway. (R) **1.05** Inside Hollywood. **1.10** World's Scariest Weather. (R) **2.05** Film: The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** Heston's Foodie Christmas. (R) **3.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R)
- 6.15** Film: The Real St Nick. (2012) Première. A nurse falls in love with a psychiatrist patient who thinks he is Santa, and tries to discover his real identity. Romantic comedy, with Torrey DeVitto and Callard Harris.
- 8.55** 5 News Weekend.
- 9.00** The Bible. The Jews are forced into exile and slavery in Babylon. Daniel is thrown into the lion's den and the Angel Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to bear the Son of God.
- 10.50** Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An outlaw English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the down-trodden. Action adventure with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman.
- 1.50** SuperGaming. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Secrets of the Vanishing Sphinx. Investigating how and why the Egyptians built the sculpture. (R) **4.00** Wildfire SOS. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R) (2008)

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- BBC Three**
7.00 Winter Wipeout. **8.00** Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Film: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004) **11.35** Family Guy
- BBC Four**
7.00 Frozen Planet. **8.00** Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Definitely Dusty
- ITV2**
3.00 The Only Way Is Essexmas. **4.05** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Trials and Tribulations **5.15** You're Next. **6.00** Film: Christmas. **5.40** Film: Johnny English (2003) **7.25** Film: The Perfect Storm (2000) **10.05** The Xtra Factor **11.05** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special
- ITV3**
3.45 Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) **5.45** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** Agatha Christie's Marple
- ITV4**
2.00 Film: The Appaloosa (1966) **4.00** Storage Wars **4.55** GT Academy **5.55** I Want That Car **6.55** Film: Where Eagles Dare (1969) **10.00** Film: Age of Heroes (2011) **E4**
2.00 Film: Never Been Kissed (1999) **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** 2 Broke Girls **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Die Hard (1988) **11.40** The Inbetweeners
- Film4**
2.45 Cleopatra (1963) **7.15** The Golden Child (1993) Fantasy adventure, starring Eddie Murphy and Charles Dance. **9.00** Fracture (2007) Thriller, starring Anthony Hopkins. **11.15** Donkey Punch (2008)

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6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. **(R) 9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Kingfisher. **10.30** The Queen Under. **(R) 11.45** Helicopter Heroes Down Under. **(R) 11.55** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. **(R) 3.00** Escape to the Country. **(R) 3.45** Christmas Supermarket Secrets. **4.45** Life Stories. **5.55** The Prince. **5.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.00 **Countryside**. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Poldreux Place stately home, where US soldiers prepared for D-Day, and Helen Skelton finds winter visitors flock to the south west for inspiration. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Year at 60**. Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954. **(R)**

7.40 **The Great British Sewing Bee Christmas Special**. Judges Patrick Grant and May Martin reunite with the four semi-finalists to show what to make gifts and decorations, including a sturdy bean, Gardening belt and a satchel.

8.40 **Film: The Duchess**. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Drama, with Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper.

10.20 **XL Extended edition**. With Victoria Wood, Richard Osman and Jason Manford.

11.05 **Hebburn**. A national newspaper publishes an extract from Jack's pregnancy diary. **(R)**

11.35 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**.

Music quiz. **(R)**

12.05 **Sign Zone: The Culture Show**. Sylvie Guillem - Force of Nature. **(R) 12.35** **Countryside**. **(R) 1.30** **Holby City**. **(R) 2.30** **This Is BBC Two**.

BBC2

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6.40 **Sports Personality of the Year at 60**. Gary Lineker presents a look at the history of the ceremony, which has become a sports and broadcasting institution since first being held in 1954. **(R)**

7.40 **The Great British Sewing Bee Christmas Special**. Judges Patrick Grant and May Martin reunite with the four semi-finalists to show what to make gifts and decorations, including a sturdy bean, Gardening belt and a satchel.

8.40 **Film: The Duchess**. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Drama, with Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper.

10.20 **XL Extended edition**. With Victoria Wood, Richard Osman and Jason Manford.

11.05 **Hebburn**. A national newspaper publishes an extract from Jack's pregnancy diary. **(R)**

11.35 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**.

Music quiz. **(R)**

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ITV

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1.35 **Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel**. **2.35** **Love Your Garden**. **(R) 3.30** **The X Factor**. **(R) 4.00** **You've Been Beaten**. **(R)**

6.00 **Regional Programme**; Weather.

6.15 **ITV News**; Weather. **6.30** **The Chase: Celebrity Special**.

7.30 **The X Factor Results**.

The two finalists battle it out once more before Dermot O'Leary announces the winner. With music by One Direction, Katy Perry, and Gary Barlow with Elton John. **Lots in the series**.

9.30 **Through the Keyhole**. Keith Lemon rummages through the homes of three mystery celebrities.

10.30 **ITV News**; Weather.

10.45 **Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army**. (2008) A Action fantasy sequel directed by Guillermo del Toro, starring Ron Perlman.

12.05 **The Store**. **2.50** **Motorsport UK**. **3.40** **ITV Nightscreen**. **5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show**. **5 Days of Christmas**. **(R)**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs**. **(R) 6.35** **The American Football Show**. **(R) 6.45** **Fifi and the Flowertots**. **(R) 6.25** **Bubble Guppies**. **7.00** **It's a Knockout**. **(R) 7.00** **Chloe's Closet**. **(R) 7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas**. **(R) 7.20** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures**. **(R) 7.25** **Make Way for Noddy**. **(R) 7.40** **City of Friends**. **(R) 7.50** **Mio Mao**. **(R) 7.55** **Little Princess**. **(R) 8.10** **The Adventures of Bottle Top**. **8.30** **It's a Knockout**. **(R) 8.40** **Angelina Ballerina**. **(R) 8.40** **Rupert Bear**. **(R) 8.55** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**. **(R) 9.10** **Olly the Little White Van**. **(R) 9.15** **Jelly Jamm**. **(R) 9.30** **LazyTown**.

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CHANNEL 5

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DIGITAL**BBC Three**

7.00 **Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide**. **8.00** **Great Movie Mistakes**. **2013 10.00** **Family Guy**. **10.25** **The Revolution** Will Be Televised. **10.30** **American Dad!**

BBC Four

7.00 **Jeti When Britain Ruled the Seas**. **8.00** **Lou Reed Remembered**. **10.00** **David Bowie – Five Years**. **11.30** **David Bowie – John Cooper Clarke**

ITV2

3.30 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Crown Jewels**. **4.30** **You've Been Framed at Christmas**

5.30 **Film: Two Weeks Notice**. **(2002)**

7.30 **Film: Land of the Lost**. **(2009)**

8.30 **Film: The Extra Factor**. **(2010)**

8.45 **Film: The Furious**. **(2006)**

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Cliffhanger, ITV, 11.05pm

A retired mountain rescue expert is drawn into a battle of wits with a psychopathic criminal searching for a \$100million fortune lost in the Rockies - and puts his life on the line as he negotiates the treacherous mountains in a bid to stay one step ahead of the crook. Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, John Lithgow, Janine Turner and Michael Rooker. (1993)

TUESDAY

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm

The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint and Robert Pattinson. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

The Terminator, Channel 5, 10pm

A cyborg assassin is sent on a murderous mission back in time to the 20th century, where he wreaks havoc while searching for his intended victim - a woman whose unborn son is destined to lead the human race in a war against machines. However, a soldier has also been sent from the future to protect her. James Cameron's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Michael Biehn. (1984)



Tamara Drewe, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

THURSDAY

Mistletoe Over Manhattan, Channel 5, 1.25pm

Santa Claus's wife goes to New York to perform a Christmas miracle and give her husband fresh inspiration. She befriends a cop who is in the middle of a divorce and offers to become a nanny to his children. She then discovers he still loves his wife, and tries to find a way to bring them back together. Seasonal fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (2011)

FRIDAY

Tamara Drewe, BBC2, 11.05pm

A woman returns to the sleepy village where she grew up, having transformed from an awkward teenager to a successful and confident journalist. She instantly becomes the object of obsession for every man in the neighbourhood, while her sex life becomes a source of fascination for two local girls. Comedy based on Posy Simmonds' comic strip, with Gemma Arterton, Dominic Cooper and Tamsin Greig. (2010)

Pick of the Week

Murray aims to make it a truly smashing year

Heoes and villains – they're all on display in Sports Personality of the Year 2013, which this year celebrates its 60th anniversary while showcasing the most important sporting events of the past 12 months.

Whenever the show is broadcast, fans know that Christmas is just around the corner – but who will be celebrating the festive season with a shiny new trophy on the mantelpiece as well as a turkey in the oven?

During the programme, eight awards will be presented: Team of the Year, Coach of the Year, Young Hope of the Year, Sports Personality of the Year, The Helen Rollison Award (a special BBC trophy for outstanding courage and achievement in the face of adversity), named after the sports presenter who died of cancer aged just 43 in 1999), and the Young Sports Personality of the Year Award. The latter is given to an outstanding competitor aged 16 or under, selected from nominations made by Blue Peter viewers.

Watch out too for the 60th Anniversary Diamond Award, which will be handed to a sporting legend. Some naysayers may suggest that the competition isn't so hot this

round, however, the most coveted of the lot continues to be, of course, the Sports Personality of the Year award itself.

Whether the next sportsman or woman to have their name engraved on the trophy turns out to be as laid-back as last year's winner remains to be seen.

Bradley Wiggins was clearly thrilled that the public had voted for him (he called it "probably his greatest achievement"), but unlike some previous winners, he wasn't a packed camera or stuck for words.

Perhaps Chris Froome, his successor as the Tour de France champion, may come out of top this time round. However, it will be as tough on Andy Murray following his Wimbledon win in the summer if he missed out – he's currently favourite with the bookies.

What will go against Murray is the fact that he hasn't played much tennis since then; he's been injured for some time, which may keep him out of the voters' thoughts.

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round. After all, last year's ceremony took place just months after the London Olympics, and arguments could have been made for a number of candidates from that event alone in the build-up to last December's evening.

But the BBC's director of sport, Barbara Slater, reckons it will be as exciting as ever: "The year includes major events such as the Ashes, World Athletics Championships, Rugby League World Cup and Women's European Football Championship as well as a packed calendar across all sporting disciplines, so we're looking forward to another exciting show."

This time, cameras, crew and celebs are heading to Leeds' First Direct Arena, and we can expect all the usual reports and highlights, although an iconic host will be missing – Sue Barker.

A few months ago she announced her decision to step down from the role, but she's leaving it in very good hands. Gary Lineker, Clare Balding and Gabby Logan are the experienced trio in charge.



Sports Personality of the Year 2013, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Kirstie's Crafty Christmas,
Channel 4, 8pm

These days, Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer aren't just property experts, they're also lifestyle gurus. Ms Allsopp started the trend by showing us that she's a dab-hand at all things crafty, demonstrating how to whip up our own cushions and the like on a shoestring budget. She's made no secret of the fact that Christmas is her favourite time of year, so it seems only fitting that shed share her top tips for ensuring the big day goes with a bang. Kirstie explains how fast crafts can not only beat the clock but offer a big impact, and first up, she's visiting a Christmas market. She speaks to expert artisans about how to make festive delights including mince pie popcorn with tree syrup and a rich red velvet Christmas cheesecake.

A Night of Heroes – The Military Awards,
ITV, 9pm

Forget presenting This Morning or judging the acts on Britain's Got Talent – the highlight of Phillip Schofield and Amanda Holden's professional year is hosting this annual event. For the uninitiated, the event takes place at London's National Maritime Museum and is now in its sixth year. A total of 10 awards are given to those who have made outstanding contributions to Britain's armed services. The accolades have been judged by a panel that includes Jeremy Clarkson, Andy McNab, Holly Willoughby and Lorraine Kelly, with support from four former military chiefs – General Sir Mike Jackson, Admiral Lord West, Field Marshal Lord Guthrie and ACM Sir Peter Squire.

TUESDAY

The Great British Bake Off Christmas Special,
BBC2, 8pm

It's been an amazing year for the Great British Bake Off. Back in October, a peak audience of 9.1 million viewers tuned in for the final, so no wonder it's getting a transfer to BBC One in time for the next series. But before they pack up their mixing bowls and switch channels, Mary and Paul are bringing us this Christmas special, which sees them sharing some of their favourite festive recipes, from old stand-bys like stollen and a gingerbread house to the slightly more unusual likes of Scottish black bun and tunis cake. And they've also come up with an alternative to turkey sandwiches as a way of using up leftovers, in the form of Paul's hand-raised Boxing Day pie.

WEDNESDAY

Food & Drink Christmas Special,
BBC2, 8pm

It seems like every show that's ever been on telly has a Christmas special, but none are more justified than this – after all, good food and nice drinks really do go hand in hand with the festive season. And what will culinary legend Michel Roux Jr and award-winning drinks expert Kate Goodman be dishing up this year? Well, since they're joined by Great British Bake Off judge Mary Berry and Michelin-starred chef Glynn



Text Santa, Friday, ITV, 8pm

Purnell, you know whatever it is will be something special. Sure enough, there's a look at how to roast the perfect goose, recipes for easy canapes, a spectacular sausage roll and a quick chocolate torte – as well as a boozy drinks round-up.

Surprise Surprise,
ITV, 8pm

Granted, this series runs all year round, but really, there's no better time than Christmas to pay tribute to those who selflessly do so much for others without expecting anything in return. Clearly, Holly Willoughby and co have been thinking along the same lines because we're being treated to a festive edition of the popular show – and they've pulled out all the stops this time, getting some big names on board. James Colbourn has been nominated by his younger sister, Sadie, for all the support he's given her since she gave birth to twin boys at just 26 weeks. And the surprise surprise? Meeting Britney Spears at The Savoy in London.

Meanwhile, a Cher fan gets a special message, and Olly Murs provides music for the evening.

THURSDAY
Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?,
ITV, 9pm

Chris Tarrant recently suggested that this former

ratings-topper became a victim of the recession – in financially uncertain times, what contestants really wanted was to answer a few easy(ish) questions and go home with £10,000, rather than the chance to gamble their way to a million. But will the celebs on this live version prove a bit more willing to take a risk, or will the fact that they are playing for charity make them even more cautious? Well, one of the contestants, former Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, definitely has a competitive streak, so he may be our best chance to see someone go all the way as he joins ubiquitous presenter and Reds fan Eamonn Holmes to play for their favourite good causes – and a viewer at home, who will have a chance to claim half the winnings.

FRIDAY
Text Santa,
ITV, 8pm

It's only in its third year now, but already we feel like Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Text Santa. This time around, the build-up towards the main event started early, with Davina McCall's summertime celeb dance show Stepping Out offering 15p from each vote to the cause, and This Morning's 'Take a Moment' campaign, which ran during the autumn contributing £167,390. And impressive though that is, it's nothing compared to what will be accomplished tonight, when presenting duos Ant and Dec, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield, and Paddy McGuinness and Christine Bleakley step up for the marathon three-hour fundraising extravaganza, including star guests, sketches and the Big Reunion bands performing their charity single.

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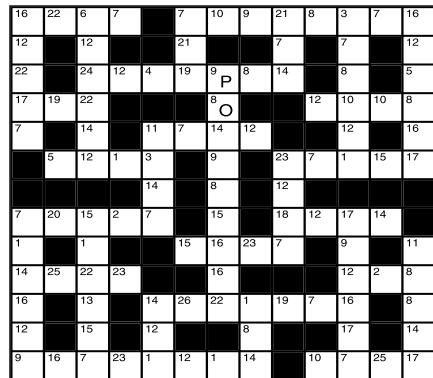


Puzzler**Brain Gym**

No.251

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	I	B	A	T	Z	V	O	X	M	N	F	H	S
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**Double Crossword**

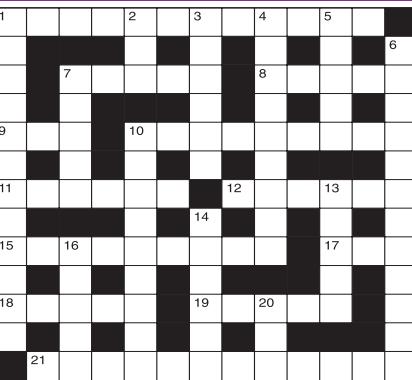
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- Picks out the fellow by the vessel showing shooting ability (12)
- Some of the extra inquiries for transport (5)
- This is used notwithstanding (5)
- Manage a continuous series of performances (3)
- Girl's name needs amending - pretends to be unfit (9)
- Emphasise the account requires money (6)
- The show is missing from an idyllic location (6)
- One friend is after the market in a hostile way (9)
- Drink produces endless sign of grief (3)
- A gently thruslt reminder (5)
- The brute will destroy the root vegetable (5)
- Regard as skilful - not to be dismissed lightly (12)

Down

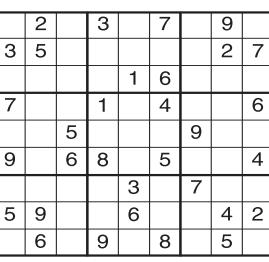
- What no patient would suffer at the hands of an efficient doctor? (12)
- South Pacific always initially provides place for recuperation (3)
- The records will show fifty in Indian currency (6)
- Support a small railway that's not of prime importance (9)
- I find fault - this will make you angry (5)
- Go over to inspect what counsel has to do (5-7)
- Is this the keynote to health? (5)
- Wrinkles are apparent in the fellow's virility (9)
- Teacher loses his head and makes a blomerl (5)
- Criticised the way the roof is covered (6)
- Is the broadcaster so active? (5)
- The iron rod is almost completely stripped (3)
- Reproach (12)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Private (12)
- Let (5)
- Watery (5)
- Small child (3)
- Impostor (9)
- Modern (6)
- Current (6)
- Postponed (9)
- Donkey (3)
- Leeaway (5)
- Implied (5)
- Tin (3)

Down

- Revokes (12)
- Sick (3)
- Envelope (6)
- Reduced to a synopsis (9)
- Ward off (5)
- Broadcast (12)
- Caper (5)
- Director of orchestra (9)
- Precise (5)
- Seize (6)
- Sap (5)
- Tin (3)

Sudoku

FILL IN THE GRID BELOW SO THAT EVERY COLUMN, EVERY ROW AND EACH OF THE 3x3 BOXES CONTAINS ALL THE DIGITS FROM 1 TO 9.

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Annoyed; 8 Pencil; 9 Stained; 10 Eleven; 11 Breath; 12 Distaste; 18 Rheostat; 20 Duenna; 21 Dimples; 22 Leakage; 23 In case; 24 Tonsure. Down: 1 Spreads; 2 Inverse; 3 Cinema; 5 Nota bene; 6 Opines; 7 Erects; 13 Stranger; 19 Orient. QUICK - Across: 4 Account; 8 Airman; 9 Matlate; 10 Aestate; 11 Regard; 12 Circle; 13 Postage; 20 Patent; 21 Bring; 22 Factor; 23 Relish; 24 Penitent; 25 Down; 1 Palaver; 2 Protect; 3 Matter; 5 Congress; 6 Oblige; 7 Nature; 13 Cupidous; 14 Disdain; 15 Wealthy; 16 Manage; 17 Better; 19 Israel.

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and lift, a hallway, open plan lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms (one en-suite), a bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, a communal garden and allocated parking.

Laminate

In more detail the open plan lounge/kitchen has French doors to the side of the property and laminate flooring.

The kitchen area has a gas hob, electric oven,

extractor fan, washing machine and laminate flooring. Bedroom one has laminate flooring and an en-suite with a shower cubicle, basin, wc and laminate flooring.

Bedroom two overlooks the rear while the bathroom has a bath, basin, wc, spot lights and laminate flooring.

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Webbs estate agent is marketing the sale of this well-appointed flat in Hednesford



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Chadsfield Road, Rugeley
NO CHAIN
This Detached Family Home benefits from Three Good Size Bedrooms plus an additional ground floor room which can be used as a Sitting Room/Playroom. Catchment for Chancery Primary School and within easy walking distance of all Local Amenities.
£205,000



Hobbs View, Brereton
NO CHAIN
Standing on a Large Corner Plot, Extended Two Bedroom Bungalow offering Good Size accommodation and scope for further development. Offered with No Onward Chain. Viewing is Essential
£139,950



Violet Close, Huntingdon
40% SHARED OWNERSHIP Spacious Two Bedroom 2nd Floor Apartment on this Modern Development, Easy access to Cannock Chase, Local Amenities and Transport Links to Cannock and Stafford, Communal Gardens and Parking for Two Cars.
£47,000



Chetwynd Close, Rugeley
Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home Ideally suited to the first time buyer or buy to Let Investor offering Good size accommodation plus off road parking. Within easy reach of primary schools local amenities. Offered with No Onward Chain
£89,950



Post Office Lane, Slitting Mill
NEW
Occupying a secluded position in the much sought after Slitting Mill Village. This Imposing Three Bedroom Detached Property offers huge potential to extend and improve, standing on a good size plot with far reaching views.
£295,000



Somerset Avenue, Rugeley
NO CHAIN
Situated in a quiet location. Easy access to Cannock Chase and Local Amenities. This Bungalow offers THREE Good size Bedrooms, A Sun Room , Garage, Driveway and Gardens. No Onward Chain
£135,000



Briar Close, Rugeley
NO CHAIN
This well Proportioned Three Bedroom Family Home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, within easy reach of schools, local amenities and Cannock Chase. Offered with No Upward Chain
£178,000



Main Road, Brereton
Conveniently situated for easy commute to Lichfield yet within walking distance of all Local Amenities. This Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow has been completely refurbished throughout. Viewing is highly recommended
£199,950



Pye Green Road, Cannock
NO CHAIN
Well Presented Extended Four Bedroom Family Home, Offering Large Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Bathroom & Shower room & Ground floor wc., Utility, Driveway for 2/3 cars,private rear garden.
£163,950



Rose Way, Rugeley
Three Bedroom Family Home sitting in a quiet cul-de-sac close to local schools and amenities. Porch, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage & Benefiting from a Driveway for 3/4 cars
£135,000



Newman Grove, Rugeley
NO CHAIN
Traditional style End Terrace Property. Offering Three Good size Bedrooms and Breakfast Kitchen, Ground Floor w.c and Larger than Average Rear Garden. Ideally situated close to transport links, schools and Local Amenities
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CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Position Convenient For Primary School And Village

- ◆ Recessed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen/diner fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Cloakroom with w.c.
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Four bedrooms

£229,950 FREEHOLD

6 LINDEN VIEW, HEDNESFORD



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-Sac Convenient For Facilities At Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Inner lobby
- ◆ Cloakroom with w.c.
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Five bedrooms

£179,950 FREEHOLD

11 SOUTH CLOSE, CANNOCK



£299,950 FREEHOLD

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION OCCUPYING PRIVATE GARDENS In Cul-de-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Spacious lounge
- ◆ Minstrel gallery and inglenook fire place
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Study/bedroom four
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Central galleried landing
- ◆ Three bedrooms

◆ Family bathroom

◆ En-suite shower room

◆ Detached double width garage

◆ Well stocked gardens

◆ Predominantly double glazed

◆ Gas fired central heating

◆ Fully double glazed

◆ Gas central heating

◆ Inspection highly recommended

◆ EPC rating 57

2 HAYES WAY, HEATH HAYES



NEW PRICE

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Occupying Corner Plot Gardens Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Canopy porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Inner lobby
- ◆ Cloakroom with w.c.
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Four bedrooms

◆ En-suite shower room

◆ Detached double width garage

◆ Fully double glazed

◆ Gas central heating

◆ Inspection recommended

◆ EPC rating 81

£214,950 FREEHOLD

131 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK



£295,000 FREEHOLD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Sitting/family room/office
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Four first floor bedrooms

- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Second floor landing
- ◆ Second floor bedroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Extensive low maintenance landscaped gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ EPC rating 66

5 RAILWAY VIEW, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Offering Four Bedoomed Accommodation On Three Floors Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Canopy porch with wc
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ First floor family bathroom

£166,950 FREEHOLD

QUOIN HOUSE, 158 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



£785,000 FREEHOLD

AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE Providing Unique And Spacious Accommodation Which Has Undergone Extensive Refurbishment To Incorporate Many Contemporary Features The Property Occupies Excellent 0.3 Acre Corner Plot In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

HEATHFIELD HOUSE SANDY LANE, CANNOCK, WS11 1RF



INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

**PRICE - £895,000
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2 CORNFLOWER CLOSE, FEATHERSTONE



THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE In Popular Cul-de-Sac Location With Convenient Access Points to M6, M6 Toll and M54

- ◆ Canopy porch
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage

£146,950 FREEHOLD

5 KENILWORTH DRIVE, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC WITHIN REACH OF FACILITIES LOCALLY

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom

£154,950 FREEHOLD

160 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE In Popular Position Within Reach Of Facilities At Hednesford and Cannock

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room with w.c.

£86,950 FREEHOLD

38 HEATH STREET, HEDNESFORD



NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite toilet to bedroom one
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ First floor hobby/study room

£174,950 FREEHOLD

2 GROUSE WAY, HEATH HAYES



NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Offering Flexible Family Accommodation On Three Storeys Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Landing (first floor)
- ◆ Two bedrooms (first floor)
- ◆ En-suite shower room (first floor)
- ◆ Landing (second floor)
- ◆ Two bedrooms (second floor)

£166,950 FREEHOLD

CHELTENHAM COURT, CANNOCK



A DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR HIGH SPECIFICATION THREE BEDROOMED MEWS HOUSES LOCATED IN PRIVATE DRIVE

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- ◆ Cloakroom with w.c.
- ◆ Double Glazed Conservatory
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Three Bedrooms
- ◆ Double width garage to rear
- ◆ Well maintained gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Inspection recommended
- ◆ No chain
- ◆ EPC rating 61

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The Hollies, Church Street, Rugeley



Offers Invited

£525,000

- Exclusive Period Home
- Four Reception Rooms
- Four Large Bedrooms
- Cellar, Gym & Games Rm
- Period & Modern Fittings
- Two Kitchens
- Extensive Gardens
- Viewing is Essential

Deacons Way, Rugeley



£250,000

- Detached Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Garage & Utility
- Gardens To Front & Rear

The Green, Weston



£239,995

- Spacious Detached Home
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Wet Room
- Family Bathroom
- Village Location
- Must Be Viewed

Hornbeam Crescent, Hazelstade



£225,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Off-Road Parking
- Dg & Gch
- Must Be Viewed

Cherry Tree Road, Brereton, Rugeley



£189,950

- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Diner
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite & Walk In Robes
- DG & GCH Throughout
- Must Be Viewed

Rangers Walk, Rugeley



£178,500

- Link-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room & Snug
- Breakfast Rm & Kitchen
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Must be Viewed

Woodheys Lawns, Rugeley



£154,950

- Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- GCH & DG
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- No Upward Chain

Lansdowne Way, Rugeley



£152,500

- Semi-Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage/Driveway
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Must Be Viewed

Priory Road, Brereton



£152,000

- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Private Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking
- DG & GCH
- Must Be Viewed

Boykolia, Elies, Panormos, Greece



- Detached Mountainside Villa
- Fully Furnished
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Approx £115,000 Sterling
- 135,000 Euros

Essex Drive, Rugeley



- Two Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- GCH & DG
- Sizeable Garage
- Driveway & Parking
- Approx £115,000 Sterling
- £134,950

John Till Close, Rugeley



- Two Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- GCH & DG
- Close to town
- Call Now to View
- £128,750

Station Drive, Handsacre



- Two Bed Semi Detached
- Popular Area
- Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Chancery Catchment Area
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain
- £128,500

Eaton Drive, Rugeley



- Two Bedroom Coach House
- Popular Area
- Lounge/Open Plan Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Utility Room
- Garage
- DG & GCH
- Priced To Sell
- £118,950

Stile Close, Brereton



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Guest WC & Shower
- Double Glazing
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- O/R Parking & Garage
- Viewing Essential
- £118,500

Leasowe Road, Brereton



- Three Bedroom Semi
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing Recommended
- £110,000

Springfield Avenue, Rugeley



- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Diner
- Kitchen
- Gardens Front & Rear
- In Need Of Up-Grading
- Freehold Property
- Viewing By Arrangement
- £102,000

The Mossley, Rugeley



- Development Opportunity
- Building Plot
- Freehold Land
- Approx 286 Square Meters
- £79,000

Armitage Road, Rugeley



- First Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Bedroom
- Communal Rear Garden
- Bathrooms
- GCH
- Double Glazing
- £79,000

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£560 PCM + £200 Admin fee

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- Kitchen Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage
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- Sorry No DSS
- £560 PCM + £200 Admin fee

Brereton Mews, Brereton



£450 PCM

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- SORRY NO DSS

Lichfield Street, Rugeley



£430 PCM + £200 Admin fee

- First Floor Flat
- Town Centre Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
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**Quinton Place, Norton Canes**

- Generously Proportioned Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms, Two En-suites & Bathroom
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen & Utility
- Viewing Imperative, Energy Rating C

£224,950

**South Close, Cannock**

- Detached Bungalow
- Generous Corner Plot
- Well Proportioned Rooms
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Energy Rating E

£219,950

**St. Matthew Close, Huddersfield**

- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Very Well Presented
- Four BedRooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ample Parking Provisions

OIEO £200,000

**Holly Lane, Great Wyrley**

- Detached Family Home
- Desirable Location
- Improved by Current Owners
- Lounge, Dining Room

OIEO £199,950

**Woodstock Drive, Huntington**

- Modern Detached House in Popular Residential Location
- Kitchen, Utility, Guest WC, Lounge & Dining Room
- Three BedRooms and BathRoom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Garage, Drive. Viewing Imperative

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**Otterburn Close, Heath Hayes**

- Link Detached Family Homes
- Sought After Cul-de-Sac
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- Three BedRooms

£154,950

**Alnwick Close, Heath Hayes**

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Popular Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Three BedRooms, En-suite & BathRoom
- Rear Garden, Garage & Drive

£149,950

**Surrey Close, Cannock**

- Superb Extended Detached House
- Comprehensively Improved
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Family Room, WC
- Four BedRooms & BathRoom
- Garden & Garage, Energy Rating D

OIEO £140,000

**Green Heath Road**

- Three Good Size BedRooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- No Chain Involved

**Grange Road, Burslem**

- Immaculate Semi Detached
- Extended & Improved to High Standard
- Three BedRooms
- Gardens, Garage, Drive

£140,000

**Walsall Road, Norton Canes**

- Versatile Semi Detached House
- Generous Accommodation
- Potential Three BedRooms
- Drive, Garage & Gardens
- No Chain, Energy Rating - Awaiting

£124,950

**Sharon Way, Huddersfield**

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two BedRooms
- Private Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

£120,000

**Wolverhampton Road, Cannock**

- Well Presented Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Conservatory
- Two Beds, Shower Room & BathRoom
- Rear Garden, No Chain

£120,000

**Wolverhampton Road, Wednes Mills**

- Renovated to High Standard
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility/WC
- Two Double BedRooms & BathRoom
- Good Size Enclosed Rear Garden
- Energy Rating F

£119,950

**Hobart Road, Heath Hayes**

- Well Presented Semi
- Lounge/Diner, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three BedRooms, Bathroom
- Gardens, Communal Parking

£114,950

**Union Street, Cannock**

- Improved to High Standard
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two BedRooms & Loft Room
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£109,950

**Hednesford Street, Cannock**

- Immaculate End Terrace Close to Cannock Town Centre
- Lounge, Dining Room, Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Double BedRooms & BathRoom
- Generous Garden, No Chain

£104,950

**Park Street, Cannock**

- Re-furbished Semi Detached Conveniently Situated
- Generous Lounge & Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Double BedRooms & Re-fitted BathRoom
- Off Road Parking, Outside Storage, No Upward Chain

£104,950

**Mountside Street, Huddersfield**

- Well Presented Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Double BedRooms & Shower Room
- Rear Garden, Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£92,500

**Helens Court, Huddersfield**

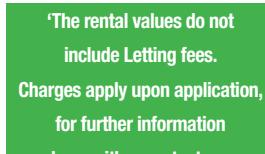
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Double BedRooms
- Huddersfield Centre
- No Chain Involved

£78,000

**Riverside Court, Cannock**

- Close to Cannock & Station
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- 40% Shared Ownership

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- Bedroom, Bathroom

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**Almond Close, Heath Hayes**

- First floor apartment
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking

£395.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets



- Refurbished bungalow
- Fitted kitchen
- Double bedroom with wardrobes
- Wet room

£475.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets

- Fully refurbished detached house
- Fully fitted kitchen with cooker and hob
- Three double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over the bath

£695.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets

- Detached family home
- Lounge with dining area
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms

£900.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets

**HEDNESFORD
WESLEY PLACE,**

This one bedroom bungalow has been much improved by the present owners situated close to Hednesford Town Centre. Must be viewed to be appreciated.

£89,950**HEATH HAYES
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£94,950**CANNOCK,
WILLIAM MORRIS GROVE**

This three bedroom semi detached house is ideally located in a quiet cul-de-sac within walking distance of Cannock Town Centre and close to all amenities.

£109,995**SOLD IT!
SIMILAR
REQUIRED****HEDNESFORD,
BALMORAL COURT**

This Ground Floor Flat is conveniently located close to Hednesford Town Centre and local amenities. An ideal buy for first time buyers or investors. EPC Rating D

£57,000**ROSE BARN,
SHARESHILL**

Webbs are pleased to offer for sale this tasteful barn conversion situated in a tranquil and enchanting setting. Whilst enjoying this rural aspect the property is ideally situated. EPC rating D

£199,995**CANNOCK
HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD,**

This three bedroom semi detached house is within walking distance of Cannock Town Centre and close to all local amenities. With NO CHAIN. Energy Rating E

£99,950**GREAT WYRLEY
AJAX CLOSE,**

This extended mid town house is situated in Great Wyrley close to all amenities. The accommodation comprises hallway, separate lounge and dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Rating C

£89,995**HEDNESFORD,
HILL STREET**

The viewer will not be disappointed with the size and standard of this accommodation which cannot be appreciated fully from the front elevation. EPC Rating D

REDUCED £239,995**CANNOCK
MATLOCK DRIVE,**

Offered with NO CHAIN this three bedroom semi detached house is situated close to Cannock Town Centre and all local amenities. EPC Rating C

£94,995

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**CANNOCK
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REDUCED £89,995**HUNTINGTON,
LONG CROFT,**

This three bedroom detached house is ideally situated on a corner plot and has potential for extending. It is close to Cannock Chase and all local amenities. EPC Rating D

OFFERS £144,995**SOLD IT!
SIMILAR
REQUIRED****NORTON CANES,
LAMBOURNE WAY**

This three bedroom detached house is pleasantly positioned on a popular development in Norton Canes close to all amenities.

£168,950**HUNTINGTON
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HERONDALE**

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- Awaiting EPC Rating C

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- Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Garden
- EPC Rating E

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- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden • Garage
- EPC Rating D

£550 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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- NEW
- Unfurnished
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- Garden
- Awaiting EPC Rating

£525 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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- Parking
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DEAVALL WAY



- 3 BED
- Unfurnished
- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- EPC Rating E

£495 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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- REFURB
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- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£450 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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- NEW
- Unfurnished
- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Heating
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- Parking
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- Parking
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£410 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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ST STEPHENS COURT



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- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£395 pcm SORRY NO DSS

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- NEW
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- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£385 pcm SORRY NO DSS

HEDNESFORD

ST STEPHENS COURT



- Unfurnished
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£350 pcm SORRY NO DSS

CANNOCK

WOOTTONS COURT



- NEW
- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£350 pcm SORRY NO DSS

CANNOCK

WOODFORD END



- Unfurnished
- First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£330 pcm SORRY NO DSS

WIMBLEBURY

NELSON DRIVE



- NEW
- Unfurnished
- Ground Floor Flat
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- Heating
- Parking
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• Gas Central Heating

• Double Glazing

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• Gas Central Heating

• Conservatory

• No Chain

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• Conservatory

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• Integral Garage, Study

• Gas Central Heating

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• Lounge, Dining Room

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Mayflower Drive, Rugeley

A 3 Bedroom Detached House



Bracken Way Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Semi Detached House



Fernwood Drive, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom House

• Double Glazed

• Gas Central Heating

• Conservatory

• Lounge/Dining Room

• Garage

£625 PCM

• Gas Central Heating

• Conservatory

• Off Road Parking

• No Smoking

• Pets By Arrangement

£500 PCM

• Gas Central Heating

• Double Glazed

• Downstairs W.C.

• Allocated Parking Space

• Gardens Front and Rear

£500 PCM

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Moreton Street Offers Over £130,000

A modern three bedroom semi detached property comprising breakfast kitchen, lounge/diner, P-shaped conservatory, family bathroom, integral garage and front and rear gardens. This property must be viewed to be appreciated. Epc Rating = E

Cannock

Huntington


Teddesley Way £170,000

A modern three bedroom detached property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, utility/study (garage conversion), family bathroom, ensuite to the master bedroom and benefiting from a driveway, central heating, double glazing and a cul de sac location.

EPC Grade = D

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Riverside Court Offers Over £45,000 (40% Shared)

A modern two bedroom ground floor apartment comprising open plan lounge/kitchen, family bathroom, secured communal parking area and benefiting from double glazing and electric heating. The property is ideal for a first time buyer and is being sold as a 40% Shared Ownership.

EPC Grade = D

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Burntwood


Cross Street Offers over £200,000

- Three bedroom detached bungalow
- kitchen, lounge, dining room
- ample off road parking/carport/garage
- front and rear gardens
- EPC Grade = D

Cannock

Heath Hayes


Hickory Court Offers over £115,000

A very well presented two bedroom modern terrace situated in the popular residential area of Heath Hayes. The property is in excellent decorative order, has a well maintained rear garden and off road parking to the front. Cul-de-sac location. Cannock

Great Wyrley


Quinton Avenue £155,000

A recently renovated detached bungalow comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedroom, refitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and giving access to the garage, benefiting from rear garden, double glazing and central heating. Epc Rating = D

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Avon Road £145,000

An extended three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, family bathroom and benefiting from central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens. Also situated close to town centre and local amenities.

EPC Grade = D

Cannock

Heath Hayes


Bank Street Offers Over £107,000

A traditional terraced cottage comprising lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, cellar, first floor shower room and benefiting from off road parking at the rear and detached garage. This property must be viewed to be appreciated. EPC Grade = E

Cannock

Huntington


Stafford Road Offers Over £90,000

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- Family Bathroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
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- SORRY NO DHSS.

£650

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- Room,

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- Lounge, Sitting Room, Utility
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RAWNSLEY
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- Rear Garden • Sorry No DHSS

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- Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge Kitchen
- One Bedroom,

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HEDNESFORD
ORION WAY



- 1 Bed Ground Floor Flat
- Living Room
- Kitchen • Bathroom

£350 Pcm

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The guide price for this property, which is for

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Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms and bathroom.

The property also benefits from rear garden,

double glazing and gas central heating. Outside there is a rear garden which is laid to lawn and includes trees and shrubs surrounded by an enclosed fence.

Call Jayman estate agent for details on 01543 505566.

Invest in the future with a new property at Brindley Rise

INVESTORS and househunters in Rugeley and the surrounding areas are being advised to pay a visit to the new apartments at Walton Homes' Brindley Rise development, where rental yields have reached up to six per cent.

Launched just last month, the Wolseley House apartment scheme represents the latest phase at Brindley Rise, comprising 37 studio, one and two bedroom contemporary duplex apartments, and is ideally located just a stone's throw away from Rugeley rail station.

Walton Homes has reported an increase in interest at the development following the launch of the apartment scheme just six weeks ago, with investors and professionals attracted to the high rental yields on offer.

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Helen Rollason, sales manager at Brindley Rise said: "With interest rates still at rock bottom on ISAs and other savings accounts, investing in property is a great way to grow your savings, both through the rental income to be achieved on the apartment, and eventually when the property is sold on, as house prices are expected to rise by almost 15 per cent by 2018."

Offering the very best in contemporary living, the new apartments will all offer high-quality fixtures and fittings, including stylish kitchens and contemporary bathrooms with Porcelanosa sanitary-ware and tiling. Addi-

tionally, all of the apartments will benefit from allocated parking, along with attractive landscaped surroundings.

Helen added: "We've already received a high level of interest in the apartments from both investors looking to capitalise on the development's fantastic location on a commuter line, and first time buyers who want to make that first step in creating a home for themselves but have previously struggled to save the large deposits required."

"With the Government's Help to Buy scheme now available at Brindley Rise, people can create their dream home in a brand new apartment with a deposit of just five per cent, whilst feeling safe in the knowledge that the value of their property is growing year on year."

Visit Brindley Rise marketing suite located on Wharf Road, Rugeley. Call 01889 577 562 or see www.waltonhomes.co.uk for details.



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- Bathroom with shower.
- Allocated Parking to rear

£64,950 (5% Deposit Paid)



FOR SALE

HOB'S VIEW, RUGELEY

- Two bedroom semi detached bungalow. Corner plot in cul de sac.
- Extended lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom.
- Driveway, Garage, Rear Garden, Gas C/H and D/G
- Bathroom - low level wc, wash hand basin, bath with shower over

£139,950 NO CHAIN.



FOR SALE

SMILLIE PLACE, CANNOCK

- Five bedroom semi detached house. Upvc D/G, Gas CH
- Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Guest WC, Family Bathroom, Five Bedrooms, Garage, Parking to front and side, Summer House. Must be viewed.

£169,950



FOR SALE

WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- Lounge, separate dining room,
- Fitted kitchen, bathroom,
- Separate shower cubicle, rear garden,
- UPVC double glazing, gas central heating

£99,950



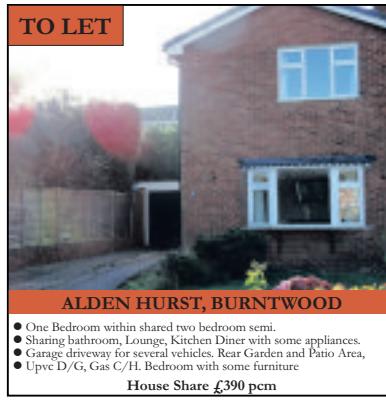
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BRERETON ROAD, BRERETON

- Three bedroom detached house. Gas C/H Upvc D/G
- Entrance hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner with oven, hob and extractor
- Downstairs WC, Bathroom with shower over. Parking for two vehicles
- Rear garden. Sorry No DSS. Children and small pets welcome.

£695 pcm

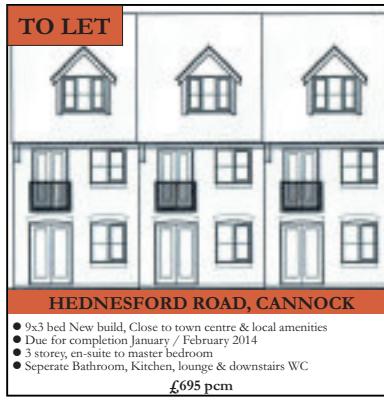


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ALDEN HURST, BURNTWOOD

- One Bedroom within shared two bedroom semi.
- Sharing bathroom, Lounge, Kitchen Diner with some appliances.
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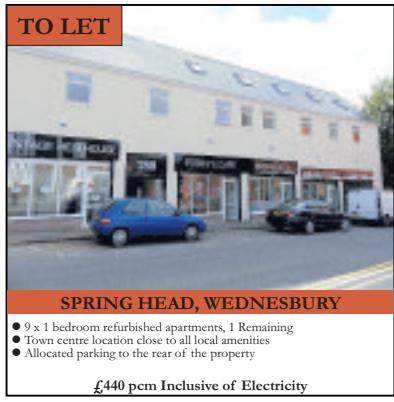


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HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- 9x3 bed New build. Close to town centre & local amenities
- Due for completion January / February 2014
- 3 storey, en-suite to master bedroom
- Separate Bathroom, Kitchen, lounge & downstairs WC

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5 3 3 £425,000	4 3 3 £385,000	4 3 3 £335,000	6 1 3 £280,000	4 2 4 £279,995	4 3 4 £275,000		
Five bedroom detached house / Cul-de-sac location Large driveway / Double garage / Private rear garden	Luxury four bedroom detached house / Electric gated drive / Integral garage / Front & private rear gardens	Four bedroom detached house / Converted attic / Double garage / Private drive / Private two tier rear garden	Large six bedroom semi-detached house / Integral Single garage / Conservatory / Private rear garden	Extended four bedroom detached house / Large corner Plot / Double garage / Private rear garden / Driveway	Well presented four bed detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Conservatory / Parking for four vehicles		
WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WRYTLE	LITTLEWOOD LANE, CHESLYN HAY	LITTLEWORTH HILL, HEDNESFORD	CANNOCK ROAD, CANNOCK	CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD	HIGGLERS COTTAGE, CHESLYN HAY		
4 3 2 £270,000	4 2 2 £250,000	4 2 2 £250,000	4 2 3 £250,000	6 3 3 £250,000	3 1 3 £250,000		
Four bedroom detached house / £5k stamp duty paid Rear garden / Breakfast Kitchen / Offers in region of	Modernised four bedroom detached dormer bungalow Private rear garden / Drive with parking for four vehicles	Four bedroom detached house with large rear garden Integral garage / Drive with parking for several vehicles	Four bedroom detached house / Refurbished throughout / Single garage / Private rear garden / Driveway	Extremely spacious six bedroom detached house with Spacious three bedroom bungalow set on 1/3 acre plot large rear garden / Could be used for commercial use Drive with parking for three vehicles / Large rear garden			
CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES	CONDOR GROVE, HEATH HAYES	KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD					
EER: 46/56 EIR: 46/55 3 1 1 £250,000	EER: 60/71 EIR: 55/69 4 2 3 £240,000	EER: 65/82 EIR: 61/80 4 3 3 £235,000					
Well presented three bedroom detached dormer bungalow / Large drive / OFFERS IN THE REGION OF	Four bedroom detached house set on corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac / Conservatory / Rear garden / Drive	Impressive four bedroom detached house with double garage and private enclosed rear garden / Drive					
LICHFIELD ROAD / CANNOCK	THE CLOISTERS, RUGELEY	CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD					
EER: 81/83 EIR: 80/81 3 1 2 £235,000	4 3 2 £230,000	4 2 3 £219,950					
Three bedroom dormer bungalow / Large driveway Private rear garden / Single garage / Large loft area	Four bedroom detached house set in quiet cul-de-sac En-suite to master bedroom / Private rear garden	Four bedroom detached house with large private rear garden / Recently renovated & refurbished / Driveway					
BURNTWOOD ROAD, NORTON CANES	SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEDNESFORD	MAIN ROAD, BRERETON	LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD	RAILWAY VIEW, HEDNESFORD	PINFOLD LANE, NORTON CANES		
2 1 2 £217,000	4 3 2 £210,000	3 1 1 £200,000	3 2 2 £190,000	4 3 3 £199,950	4 1 3 £185,000		
Two bedroom detached house / Large rear garden Conservatory / Separate single garage / Driveway	Four bedroom detached house / Integral garage / Drive Conservatory / Private rear garden / OPEN TO OFFERS	Three bedroom bungalow set in quiet village location Large driveway / Private rear garden / Single garage	Three bedroom semi-detached house / Large driveway En-suite to master / Private rear garden / Energy rat: D	Luxury four bedroom detached house set on a corner plot / Garage / Front & private rear gardens / Driveway	Four bedroom semi-detached house / Parking for several vehicles / Attic conversion / Conservatory		
STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES	APOLLO CLOSE, HEDNESFORD	CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES	TURF CLOSE, NORTON CANES	CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, CANNOCK	HOBBY WAY, CANNOCK		
3 1 3 £180,000	2 2 1 £180,000	3 1 2 £180,000	4 2 3 £180,000	3 2 2 £170,000	3 3 2 £169,995		
Three bedroom detached house / Private rear garden Driveway / Integral garage / Good commuter links	Two bedroom detached house set on corner plot in a quiet cul-de-sac / Large drive / Private rear garden	Three bedroom detached dormer bungalow / Private rear garden / Fully fitted kitchen / Drive / Garage	Four bedroom detached house / Corner plot / Quiet cul-de-sac / Conservatory / Front & rear gardens / Drive	Three bedroom mid-terraced house / Separate garage En-suite to master / Private rear garden / Car parking	Three bedroom detached house finished to high spec Cul-de-sac location / Single garage / OFFERS OVER		

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EER: 56/65 EIR: 47/56
2 1 2 £160,000

Three bedroom link detached house / Single garage
Cul-de-sac / Private rear garden / Conservatory / Drive

OFFERS
OVER
3 2 2 £160,000

3 2 2 £160,000

4 2 2 £157,500

3 1 2 £155,000

Two bedroom mid-terrace house / Fully fitted kitchen
NO ONWARD CHAIN AND VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom link detached house / Single garage
Cul-de-sac / Private rear garden / Conservatory / Drive

Three bedroom detached house set in a quiet cul-de-sac / Integral garage / Conservatory / Rear garden

Four bedroom semi-detached set on a corner plot
Air conditioning / Driveway / Private rear garden

Three bedroom link detached / Garage / Quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway for two vehicles / Private rear garden

Well presented two-bedroom semi-detached house
Conservatory / Drive / Front & private rear gardens

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3 2 2 £150,000

3 1 3 £150,000

3 2 2 £145,000

3 1 1 £135,000

5 2 3 £135,000

3 2 2 £132,500

Three bedroom semi-detached house / En-suite to master bed / Integral garage / Private rear garden

Three bedroom detached house set in quiet cul-de-sac Garage / Private rear garden / Driveway / OFF OVER

Three bedroom semi-detached house / Private rear garden / Drive / Single integral garage / Guest WC

Three bedroom semi-detached house / Drive / Front & rear gardens / UPVC double glazing and central heating

Spacious five bedroom detached house / Potential to develop / Private rear garden / New fully fitted kitchen

Three bedroom semi-detached house / Single garage Driveway with ample parking / Private rear garden

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2 1 2 £130,000

3 1 2 £130,000

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2 1 2 £130,000

3 1 2 £125,000

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Two bedroom semi-detached house / Front & private rear garden / Driveway with car port / Conservatory

Three bedroom semi-detached house / Single garage VACANT POSSESSION AND NO ONWARD CHAIN

Well presented three bedroom d semi-detached house Off road parking for two vehicles / Garage / Rear garden

Two bedroom detached bungalow / Conservatory Single garage / Large driveway / Private rear garden

Three bedroom end-terraced house / Private rear garden / Ideal for first time buyers or investors

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Rear garden Drive with parking for two vehicles / Conservatory

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3 1 2 £125,000

3 1 2 £120,000

2 1 1 £120,000

2 1 1 £119,995

2 1 1 £118,000

3 1 2 £115,000

Three bedroom semi-detached house / Rear courtyard Allocated parking for two vehicles / Ideal for investors

Extended three bedroom mid-terraced house / Drive Private rear garden / Good commuter transport links

Two bedroom terraced house / Private rear garden Driveway / Ideal for first time buyers or investors

Well presented modern two bedroom ground floor apartment with allocated parking and rear patio area

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Large driveway Private rear garden / Good local commuter links

Three bedroom terraced house / Refurbished throughout to include new boiler, doors & radiators / Private rear garden

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2 1 1 £100,000

3 1 1 £100,000

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2 1 2 £99,950

Two bedroom end-terraced house / Fitted kitchen / Side Garden / Parking / Ideal for first time buyer or investor

Refurbished three bedroom semi-detached house Gardens / OFFERS OVER / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Two bedroom terraced house / Ideal opportunity For first time buyer or investor / Private rear garden

Well presented two bedroom end-terrace house with private rear garden / Allocated & visitor parking spaces

Two bedroom semi-detached house / Front & private rear garden / Kitchen-diner / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Two bedroom end terrace house / Private rear garden Conservatory / Drive / New kitchen / OFFERS OVER

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2 1 2 £98,000

2 1 1 £85,000

1 1 1 £80,000

2 1 1 £52,000

2 1 1 £40,000

Two bedroom mid-terraced house / Private rear garden Fitted kitchen / Ideal for first time buyers or investors

Well presented two-bedroom terraced house with private enclosed garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Two bedroom mobile home / Cannock Chase location Fully fitted kitchen / Front & side gardens / Parking area

One bedroom ground floor maisonette / Private rear garden / Ideal for first time buyers or investors

50 % SHARE / Two bedroom ground floor apartment One allocated parking space / NO ONWARD CHAIN

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Seabrook Road, Brereton



- Good size two bedroom semi bungalow
- Large lounge/ diner, Breakfast Kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Long driveway, large rear garden
- No Chain, Viewing essential

£124,999



Woodthorne Close, Rugeley

- Immaculate three/ four bed semi detached
- Refitted kitchen, large lounge
- Conservatory, Study/ bed 4, guest wc
- Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Garage, driveway, viewing essential

£149,950 Guide Price

Finches Hill, Rugeley



TO LET

- Well presented three bed home
- Refitted Kitchen, large lounge
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The Beeches, Rugeley



- Three bedroom terraced property
- Superb Views to front over countryside
- Hallway, kitchen, good size lounge
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- No Chain, Garage and parking

£109,950

NEW PRICE



Watkiss Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom semi
- Large plot with large garden and frontage
- Refitted Kitchen, lounge and dining room
- Three good size bedrooms, double garage
- No Chain, gardens, long driveway

£139,950

NEW



Stonehouse Road, Etching Hill

- Exceptional four bed detached home
- Semi rural location on mature plot
- Three reception rooms, conservatory,
- Four good size bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Detached garage, Gated driveway

£334,950 Guide Price

NEW



Hazel Drive, Armitage



- Stunning four bed family home
- Corner position in private drive
- Superb living kitchen, study, utility
- Four large beds, two bathrooms
- Driveway, gardens to front, rear and side

£220,000 Offers Over

NEW



Hednesford Road, Rugeley

- Traditional detached property
- Good location, large gardens
- Three reception rooms, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, bathrooms
- Huge potential, Garage, No Chain

£194,950 Guide Price

Burnhill Lane, Rugeley



- NEWLY AVAILABLE
- Open fields to side, good location
- Large lounge, kitchen/ diner
- Three beds, bathroom, garage
- Driveway, viewing essential

£149,950

Wolseley Road, Rugeley



- Large three bedroom detached
- Good size plot, two driveways
- Three good size bedrooms
- Huge potential/ development
- Gardens, garage, viewing essential

£229,950 Guide Price

NEW

MUST BE VIEWED

Sheringham Drive, Rugeley



- Three bedroom detached home
- Good location, views to rear
- Two reception rooms, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Driveway, garage, viewing essential

£151,000

Farm Close, Etching Hill



- Well presented three bedroom home
- Spacious accommodation
- Two reception rooms, Impressive kitchen
- Three bedrooms, large bathroom
- Driveway, gardens, No Chain

£179,950

Springhill Terrace, Brereton



- Well presented three bedroom semi
- Superb value, viewing essential
- Kitchen, large reception room
- Three good size beds, bathroom
- Gardens with ample parking

£113,995

Motoring

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Editor Sharon Walters

Good rates on offer to buy all-new crossover

SUZUKI has some good news this winter for customers looking to purchase a new SX4 S-Cross, the brand's all new Crossover model.

Launched in October, the SX4 S-Cross is available from £14,999 for the SZ3 1.6-litre petrol model with manual transmission and Suzuki is offering some very competitive PCP (Personal Contract Plan) and PCH (Personal Contract Hire) rates to help new car buyers looking for the best payment option to suit them.

Taking the SZ3 model as an example with its high standard specification of seven airbags, cruise control with speed limiter, air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels and Daytime Running Lights, Suzuki is offering a low rate PCP of 4.9 per cent APR over a 43 month period until the end of this year with payments of just £189 per month.

Moving up the range to the SZ4 with Dual Zone automatic air conditioning, Bluetooth connectivity, front fog lamps and rear privacy glass as standard and payments are just £10 per month extra over the same term.

Retained value is positive too as established Trade publication Glass's Guide has listed an average resale value across the S-Cross range of 41 per cent after three years and 60,000 miles.

Lower mileage owners can be ensured of an even higher retained figure when it comes to replacing the car.

Personal Contract Hire is always a good option for Business Users and Suzuki Financial Services is offering a headline low rate plan of £179 per month for the SZ-T model over 42 months with a

deposit of six monthly payments required. SZ4 is an ideal choice as it offers an even higher standard specification including Satellite navigation, DAB radio, rear parking camera and polished 17-inch alloy wheels.

With regards to safety, SX4 S-Cross is one of the best new cars on the market after the recent NCAP tests with five stars awarded overall and strong scores of 92 per cent for Adult Occupancy protection, 80 per cent for Child Occupancy protection and 72 per cent for Pedestrian protection which was the highest score amongst any current competitor Crossover.

It is an ideal choice for families as it offers seating for five, luggage capacity of 430 litres and a low cost of ownership with CO2 emissions of 127g/km 1.6-litre petrol (manual transmission) and just 110g/km for the 1.6-litre DDiS model.

Efficient

Real World fuel economy has been commented as 'exceptional' by several of the Automotive magazines with this week's Auto Express voting it second place in their Top Ten most efficient cars tested in 2013, the S-Cross DDiS achieved an average consumption of 59.6mpg.

The S-Cross is contributing well to the growth of the brand already at almost 1,000 sales since launch and Suzuki is currently the fastest growing top 20 car manufacturer in the UK with strong sales momentum currently 30.4 per cent up year on year. This week, Suzuki passed the 30,000 unit milestone and the projection is to close 2013 at 33,000 units, an increase of 8,000 over 2012.



The S-Cross, launched in October and available for £14,999, is contributing well to the growth of the Suzuki brand

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CR-V is more than a five-star safety SUV



Honda's SUV comes with a sensible stability control system

IT'S built in Britain and has been rated as one of Europe's safest cars but Honda's CR-V faces massive opposition in the SUV sector.

Honda has invested heavily in the CR-V at its Swindon headquarters and receiving the maximum 5-star safety rating from Euro NCAP was a real boost.

But the big question is will it sell enough in a market cluttered with look-alike alternatives?

If safety is on your buying agenda you will be as impressed as NCAP were. All CR-Vs come with front, side and curtain airbags, plus a stability control system that counteracts mid-corner movement.

And if you plump for the SR or EX models you get systems that steer you back on track if you start to wander out of your lane on the motorway, and brake if a crash is sensed.

Transport

On test was the 2.2 i-DTEC SE with manual transmission and four-wheel drive and while the car came with everything you would expect there was not a lot to make it stand out from the crowd.

It is designed for on-road use, so it's as comfortable to drive as any family hatch and is more than a match for anything in the sector if you need to transport a big family and the family pet. And the bootspace is enormous.

The 2.2-litre diesel engine is nicely geared on the manual version and produces 150bhp and 350lb ft of torque.

Combined fuel figures claim an average of 50.4mpg and CO2 emission levels are at 149/g/km. There's a top speed of 118mph and 0-62mph in 9.7 seconds.

There have been over five million CR-V sales worldwide since launch in 1995 so Honda know they have a winning formula the question is whether this fourth generation entry can fend off ever-growing opposition. Time will tell.

Bumper to bumper

Honda CR-V
Model: 2.2 i-DTEC SE Price: £26,605
Top speed: 118mph 0-62mph: 9.7 seconds
CO2 emissions: 149/g/km
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The smaller brother to the Cayenne, the Macan is more affordable but still has performance

Porsche unveils new Macan compact SUV

PORSCHE has unveiled its new Macan compact SUV, which has been tipped to take its sector by storm.

At 4.68 metres long and 1.92 metres wide, the smaller brother to the hugely successful Cayenne is a considerably more manageable size than its full-size sibling, as well as being more affordable and still packed with performance.

Two closely-related turbocharged petrol engines are being touted by Porsche as the initial flagship powerplants. The Macan S uses a 3.0-litre unit with 336bhp and 339lb.ft, while the 3.6-litre Macan Turbo puts out

395bhp and 406lb.ft. Performance figures for the Turbo model include a top speed of 165mph and the ability to sprint from 0-62mph in 4.8 seconds - a length of time that falls by 0.2 seconds if the optional Sport Chrono pack is specified.

A diesel model is offered as the 'touring' Macan, with a larger cruising range linked to its lower fuel consumption.

The Macan S Diesel can return more than 46mpg for a range of 611 miles, despite weighing almost 1.9 tonnes and boasting both 254bhp and 428lb.ft - more torque than the Macan Turbo.

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255mm as standard, with 295-section rubber optional, mean the Macan can call upon massive traction to give it a real-world performance edge over any of its potential rivals.

At its launch at the Los Angeles Auto show, Porsche vowed to build the Macan to the same standard as its 911. The Macan will actually share factory space with the Cayenne and Panamera models at the firm's Leipzig facility.

A vast array of options and customisations will be made available to Macan buyers from the outset. In the UK the Macan S and the Macan S Diesel will both cost £43,300, with the Turbo starting at £59,300.



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Versatile new Volvo is safe bet all round

By Bob Hickman

VOLVO has always been known as a manufacturer of safe, robust and reliable cars, and now it has produced a third generation of the XC70, which is more refined than ever.

The Volvo XC70 can be used during the week as an elegant car and transforms at the weekend in to a great partner for outdoor pursuits.

It has a rugged look, with a larger grille, redesigned headlamps and contrasting protective sections, with chrome mouldings at the bottom of the doors.

The rugged look is just that. There is never going to be a situation where the XC70 will be a genuine off-roader, sufficient to say it looks the part and will enable you to venture down green lanes, in to the car boot field and possibly the boat slipway.

The interior is design at its best, every small detail has 100 per cent focus on a clean image. I suppose you could say it is the typical Swedish image that we expect – no frills, no bells, no whistles, everything doing its job and being ergonomically designed to ensure comfort for driver and passenger.

There is a choice of interior colour – Sandstone Beige, Anthracite Black or Espresso Brown.

Focal

The colour screen, five inch or seven inch, is a focal point of the vehicle. The position is high so the driver doesn't have to avert his eyes from the road. All functions can be operated from the steering wheel.

Bluetooth enables hands-free phone conversations and music streaming, although Luddites like me still slot a CD into the system and get their music that way. Bluetooth is a feature throughout the whole range and not just the top spec.

In addition, technophiles will love a mobile application, an extension of the Volvo On Call app, which makes sure drivers can stay in touch with their parked cars via an i-Phone or android smartphone.

The vehicle is very spacious. Even the luggage compartment has been designed in the same way.

The XC70 is available with a choice of a petrol engine or two diesel derivatives.

The petrol option is a mighty six-cylinder, 2953cc with a top speed of 130mph and a not too embarrassing 0-60 of 6.9 seconds. But quite high CO₂ emissions mean it is an expensive vehicle to tax for a year at £460.

The two diesel options, 1984cc and 2400cc, have the brilliant five-cylinder engine, which is music to my ears. I love odd cylinder configurations and the sound they make. Power outputs are 163bhp and 205bhp, with top speeds similar at just under 130mph.

Score

Where the diesels score heavily over the petrol is in the running costs, with CO₂ emissions of 139g/km and 179g/km for the automatic box options, taking them down into the realms of £120 and £215 per annum road tax.

The driving dynamics of the XC70 was always going to be solid, capable, and reliable. It was never going to be a fleet of foot vehicle, but Volvo engineers have done their homework in the handling department and the vehicle is a comfortable, smooth companion on all types of terrain, including multi-pothole roads.

There is a whole list of extras, so if you are in the market for this sort of vehicle, you really do need to spend some time talking with the sales staff at a Volvo dealership.

There is, for example, a pedestrian detection device with full auto brake to help the driver detect dangerous situations and help avoid the nightmare scenario of hitting a pedestrian.

There is a second generation WHIPS, a Volvo system to avoid neck injuries, a collision warning with full auto brake, also City Safety – the list goes on.

One feature new to me is an adaptive cruise control feature, this automatically maintains a set gap between the vehicle in front.

Prices for the Volvo XC70 range from £32,390 for the Start/Stop SE diesel and top out at £42,585 for the petrol derivative.



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Lillian

Of Cheslyn Hay.

Sadly passed away at Lakeview Nursing Home on December 2, 2013, aged 101 years.

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MATTHEWS

Mary

nee Taylor

Of Cannock Wood, late of Wednesbury.

Passed away peacefully at her residence after a long illness on Sunday December 8, 2013, aged 95.

Reunited with Husband Jack also beloved Mom of Peter, Beverley, Jackie and Shirley, also a loving Grandma, Great-Grandma, Aunty, Mother-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Thursday, December 19, at 3pm.

Family flowers only.

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Sylvia

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away at her home after a short illness on December 5, 2013, aged 79 years.

The devoted Wife of Ernie and beloved Mother of Paul and Christopher.

Reunited with Mark.

Also a loving Grandmother, Sister, Aunty and Mother-in-law to Pauline and Jeanette and a dear Friend.

Will be sadly missed.

Service will be held at St John's Church, Heath Hayes, on Friday, December 20, at 2pm followed by Interment in St Peter's Churchyard, Hednesford.

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SIMMS

Alfred

Passed away peacefully

November 29, 2013, at North

Staffordshire Infirmary,

aged 80.

Now reunited with his

beloved Son Adrian.

Alfred will be very sadly missed by his loving Wife Doreen, Son Craig and all his many Friends.

Funeral Service to take place 12.30pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at St Michael's Church, Breerton, followed by Burial at Stile Cop Cemetery.

By request Family flowers or only donations if desired for Stafford Hospital Oncology Department c/o CO-OPERATIVE FUNERALCARE 17 Brereton Road Rugeley WS15 1DN.

SIMMS

Alfred

Died, November 29, 2013.

Words are few, thoughts are deep, memories of you we will always keep.

All our loves, Wife Doreen and Son Craig.

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We watched you getting weaker as the hours went by, it broke our hearts to lose you and we couldn't help but cry. We all sat at your bedside and you gently slipped away, we prayed for you and held you hand as you left us on that day. God bless.

Love, Shirley, Peter, Julie, Tim, Hannah, Jessica and Nell.

X X X X

SUTTON

Betty

Sadly passed away on Friday, November 29.

Much loved and missed by her Family, Friends and all who knew her.

The Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at Bushbury Crematorium, East Chapel, at 2.30pm.

Family have requested no flowers please.

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SUTTON

Betty

Thank you for being a wonderful Mom and Grandmother.

You will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.

From Son Paul and Deidre, Claire and Alan, John and Carrie and Great-Grand children.

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Please note that there will be no Cannock Chronicle Christmas week.

The deadline for Thursday, January 2, will be

Friday, December 27, at 12 noon.

Love you always.

Mum.

X X

WHITEHOUSE

Eric

Sadly passed away on December 6, 2013.

Loving Husband of Mavis, Dad to Ian and Melv, Father-in-law to Liz, Grandad to Sharon and Husband Wes, Tony and Partner Steve, Great-Grandad to Aoise and Philip.

Funeral Service at Stafford Crematorium on Tuesday, December 17, at 11am, afterwards for refreshments at Greenheath Club, Blewitt Street.

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DAWSON

Ken

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KATH AND FAMILY.

HUGHES

Audrey

Nothing has changed sweet-heart, you're still the only girl in the world.

I shall love you forever. My gentle Aud.

Trev.

X X X

Mom

X X X

MEEK

Cedric

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OF PARKING) (PROHIBITION AND
RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING
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ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT) NO. 16/2013

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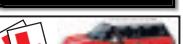
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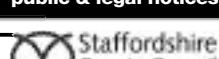
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Signings boost on way, says Jackett

KENNY JACKETT says Wolves are set for a new year signings boost when the transfer window opens next month.

Jackett reckons the targets that were unavailable in the loan window will be on the market in January. The Molineux chief has played down talk of a loan move for Bolton striker Craig Davies but wants to strengthen his attack.

He hasn't signed an attacker since taking charge in the summer and he may have to wheel and deal if FC Copenhagen come in for Bjorn Sigurdarson, whose agent has said will seek a move in January if he can't get regular football.

"Will those players be there for us in January? I would hope so, yes," said Jackett. "You can't guarantee it until you've done the deal."

"But, scouting-wise, we're always looking to improve and if we can improve in January we will."

Jackett will also make the current loans of Millwall winger James Henry and Derby wideman Michael Jacobs permanent.

Hawthorns game date is changed

ALBION'S home game with Liverpool has been moved to February 2 for live Sky coverage.

The clash at The Hawthorns will now kick off at 1.30pm after Sky and BT Sport released their latest round of live fixtures.

Villa's trip to Newcastle has also been moved back to 5.30pm on February 22 for Sky.

But should Manchester United be scheduled to play in the Champions League on February 25, the game will switch to Sunday, February 23 at 1.30pm and remain live on Sky.

It would swap with United's game with Crystal Palace which is currently due to kick off at 1.30pm on February 23.

The claret and blues' trip to Cardiff on Tuesday, February 11 will also be broadcast on BT Sport (7.45pm).

Pitmen can't Gloucs over a hammering

Gloucester City 5 H-ford Town 1

HEDNESFORD Town gave Gloucester City some early Christmas cheer in an afternoon which saw The Pitmen crash to a 5-1 defeat away from home.

Things certainly didn't look as if they would end this way though with Town very much starting on the front foot.

However, following a good save by Dan Crane from Marcus Giglio The Pitmen fell behind in the 13th minute.

Midfielder Darren Mullings was able to win possession and play a defence-splitting ball which saw

Zak Kotwica round Crane and slot home despite the best efforts of Darren Campion on the line.

It nearly got worse for Town in the 18th minute only for Campion to scramble an effort away off the line, just five minutes later it was 2-0 though.

Francisco Francis' clearance struck Conor Waldon and the ball fell perfectly for Mullings who was able to slot home from close range.

Hednesford were now desperately trying to find a way back into the game, however with a resolute Gloucester defensive performance

they were restricted to long-range

efforts, with Kris Taylor seeing a 25-yard drive go just over the bar.

Ten minutes into the second half and Town had a half chance to reduce the arrears when substitute Neil Harvey headed wide at the back post with his first touch of the ball.

The game was virtually sealed for the home side just three minutes later though when they grabbed a third goal.

Waldon picked up the ball on the right-hand side of the box and his

speculative shinned effort looped up and over Crane and into the net.

Hednesford didn't fold though and within five minutes they had managed to grab a goal back.

Substitute Nathan Woolfe had only been on the pitch a few minutes before he was able to head home from Durrell's right-wing cross in the 63rd minute.

For the next 15 minutes the home side were firmly camped inside their own half with Town applying pressure on the City goal.

Any chance of an unlikely comeback was soon put to bed though in the 80th minute.

An unmarked Will Morford had all the time he wanted to back-heel the ball home from inside the six-yard box past the helpless Crane to make it 4-1.

Despite this Hednesford continued to push forward and both Osborn and Campion went close to a second for The Pitmen.

However, it certainly wasn't meant to be there day as in the dying embers of the game Morford was left unmarked down the middle of the pitch and he was able to delightfully lift the ball over the advancing Crane to put a gloss on what was a convincing victory.

Have you Herd the latest on defender?

VILLA comeback kid Chris Herd is being backed to plug the gap left by the crooked Ron Vlaar.

Team-mate Ciaran Clark believes Herd will aid Villa's efforts after almost a year on the sidelines.

The defender made an encouraging appearance – his first since New Year's Day – despite Sunday's 2-0 defeat at Fulham.

He replaced the skipper – out with a calf injury – and could be in line to face Manchester United at the weekend if Vlaar fails to recover.

Clark reckons new defensive partner Herd can be trusted to deputise again.

"Definitely, we've got a big enough and a good enough squad where if there are injuries people can come in, fill in and do a good job," he said.

"That's the thing which has happened this season. We've got some serious injuries at the minute with Jores (Okore) and we still have players to come in and fill the boots so that's a positive thing for us."

"There's competition all over the squad but with the training everyone is looking to make a mark and get themselves on the team sheet."

"It's a competitive edge we have in the week so when it comes to the games we're very much together and want each other to do well. It's very positive for us."

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Extra-time goals seal fate for depleted side

Heath Hayes 0 Rushall Olympic 2 (AET)

A DEPLETED Hayes side battled bravely to take this Walsall Senior Cup tie to the very end of extra time before going down to two late goals.

The Pics started brightly and wasted several good chances but the best chance of the half fell to the home side when an excellent corner from Dan Scragg eluded everyone and fell at the feet of Tom Baggott who scuffed his shot.

Rushall should have taken the lead on 62 minutes when Stan Mugisha was adjudged to have been fouled by Ben Maddox on the edge of the box.

The referee pointed to the spot but home keeper Adam Jenkins saved Ahmed Obeng's spot kick.

The first half was pretty even and although the Pics had the slight edge they couldn't find a way through the home defence.

The second half saw the Pics enjoy the majority of the play but couldn't put away just one of many chances that came their way.

Hayes always posed a threat with their pacey counter attacks but in the main, Rushall always looked the more likely to score.

However, to a man the Hayes side were battling for all they were worth and the game went into extra time.

It looked like going to a penalty shootout until the

Football

Pics finally broke down the dogged resistance of the home side.

The game had continued in the same vein as regular time in the first half of extra time but with just five minutes of the game remaining the Pics finally made the breakthrough.

The stalemate was broken when Garry Fitzpatrick played a fine ball to Obeng whose first time cross was headed home into the net by Kristian Ramsey-Dickson.

Leon Spink sealed the game two minutes later with a fine solo effort which sank the home side who can take enormous pride from a very game and spirited performance.

Rushall: Germell, Turner, Martin, Daniel (Duggan 69), Ellis (Ramsey-Dickson 77), Amos, Dacres, Spink, Mugisha, Obeng, Craddock (Palmer 90)

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ATTENDANCE: 65

Football

Wright stuff gives Baggies youth the winner



Albion team-mates rush to congratulate Andre Wright on his winner against the Saddlers on Tuesday night

Albion 2 Walsall 1

ANDREW WRIGHT got the winner as Albion came from behind to knock Walsall out of the FA Youth Cup, writes Matt Maher.

The striker finished from close range after Saddlers keeper Richard Jones could only parry Bradley Sweeney's long-range effort to settle the third-round derby at The Hawthorns.

Carlton McKenzie had earlier put the visitors deservedly ahead on the half-hour with an excellent strike.

But the Baggies equalised almost

immediately through Dan Barrow and took control of the game in the second half to see off their rivals, who will wonder what might have been, had they been able to take advantage of their first-half dominance.

The visitors found themselves pushed deep early on but had the first shot of the game when McKenzie pounced on a loose Barrow pass and raced 60 yards before driving over.

That sparked a strong spell of pressure from the visitors. Wes Rush saw a shot blocked, while Liam Kinsella forced Alex Palmer into a smart save

with a shot from the edge of the box.

But it was McKenzie who was impressing the most and it was only fitting he opened the score on the half hour, with a sweetly struck first-time shot from the corner of the box which flew past Palmer.

But having worked so hard to get into the lead, the visitors squandered it within seconds as Barrow beat the offside trap and lobbed Jones.

Wright then bundled the hosts ahead 13 minutes into the second half after Jones had parried a piledriver from Sweeney.

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Scores in the second half win it for Casuals

Wolverhampton Casuals 3 Bewdley Town 0

ALL the goals came in the second half as high-flying Wolverhampton Casuals move up one place to fourth in the West Midlands League Premier Division.

Lowly Bewdley threatened in the opening minutes as Sam Watkins and Simon Rudd forced good saves from Casper keeper Tim Beech.

Casuals settled down to pressure the Bewdley defence when JJ Melligan made a good run and shot which Bewdley keeper Simon Dye saved at the expense of a corner.

Chris Russell and Nathan Jackson set up good chances for Tyrone Clarke but he fired high over the bar.

Casuals went in front in the 48th minute with a lovely one-touch movement involving Bekir Halil, Melligan and Russell who found Hallil to go on to beat Dye.

Casuals went further in front as Melligan did well when he beat Richard Costello before slotting the ball past the advancing Dye.

The third goal in the 86th minute when Jackson was left with a simple tap in.

Seconds in away loss to Lichfield

THE Walsall Seconds rugby team lost their match at Chelmsford 25-15.

Carl Robinson and Matt Craddock scored tries for the visitors. While Andy Hawkins kicked a penalty and a conversion.

Walsall 3rd XV 34 Wednesbury 2nds 14.

Tries from Phil Stanley, James Quigley, Kieran Smith, Gavin Jones and Simon Bickley with two conversions from Kevin Pitt.

Walsall U-15s 17

Sihilians 5

Walsall U-14s 52

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Walsall started strongly and after good passing, Cameron Kirkbride had the space to run in the first try.

Two minutes later there was a repeat performance as Cameron scored his second.

The next two tries were from Jamie Harding.

The second half continued in the same vein with both forwards and backs managing to make deep inroads into the Old Sils defence.

Following one such run, Ryan Johnson scored.

First class win for third division side

Cannock Chase Football League Cannock Chase Cup - Round Three

THIRD Division Wyrley Juniors dumped Chase Spartans, from the first division, out of the cup with a 4-0 beating. Three up at half time thanks to a Josh Griffiths hat-trick this was followed by a Luke Shale goal to complete the cup upset.

Premier League Ridware Oak needed extra time to knock out third division Jubilee 5-2.

Premier Cup

Bereton Social Lion beat Hawks Sports 4-0. Reece Baker scored two and Tom Wright and

Tom Cunningham added a goal each.

A Ryan Wilkins hat trick put Yates Sports back on top spot with a 3-0 away win against Littleton.

Division One

Leaders Harrisons go six points clear by beating Bar Sports 5-1. Craig Hyden, Alex Preston and a hat-trick from Sam Taylor.

CK of Cannock beat AFC Jubilee 4-1. Ben Ferral two and a goal each for Dan Lomas and Nick Preece.

Division Two

Unbeaten leaders Victoria beat Ascot Tavern 6-1. Steve Woods scored his first ever goal in 15

Football

years service for the Vic followed by goals from Dan Battison, Dominic Oliver, Shaun Derry and two from Dwain Battison.

AFC Slade beat Samson Blewitt 5-0 with goals from Mark Reynolds, Ant Penwright, Dan Phillips, Dan Maddox and Matty Harper.

Hawkins Inex won their local derby with Cheslyn Hay 4-0.

Talbot beat the Trafalgar 3-1 with a goal each from Adam Langley, Luke Foley and Chad

Degville. A first half winning goal from Dave Love Jnr beat local rivals Ollys 1-0 to dent their promotion hopes.

Division Three

Leaders Crystal Fountain dropped their first points of the season with a 2-2 draw with Mill Farm.

AFC Colliers completed the double over King George Casuals with a 6-3 win. From a goal down Colliers recovered with goals from Craig Jones, Luke Woodward and two goals each from Craig Holland and Andy Beltcher. The Castle beat Railway 3-2.

Division Four

Leaders Hen House drew 3-3 with Essington. Soldiers beat Rugeley Rgs 3-1 with a double from Jamie Probert and one from Jake Crook. AFC Fern beat Woods 5-0. Richard Guy scored a hat trick and Grant McCarthy hit two. Pied Piper beat Nags Head 4-1. Prairie Farm beat Cannock Rgs 3-1.

Manager of the Month – November:

Premier: Ray Bickley and Will Trantner of Belト Road FC; Div 1 Steve Wassell of Why Not FC; Div 2 Paul Smith and Mick Woods of Victoria FC; Div 3 Paul Clayton and Alan Dean of Crystal Fountain FC; Div 4 Robert Marshall of AFC Piper.

Referee of the month: Alan Brookes.

Dogged Cannock team pull in the title

CANNOCK First Team indoor hockey squad triumphed in the Division 2 National Maxi 5s Indoor Hockey Championship.

The Cannock lads dominated the Division 2 tournament going undefeated in all their five games. They started their campaign against Chelmsford with a 10-7 win then a 10-3 victory against Cheltenham.

At the end of the first day Cannock were second in the league, with Bath Buccaneers topping the table on goal difference. Sunday morning saw Cannock brush Preston aside with a 12-7 win.

Then came the clash of the tournament against Team Bath. Cannock were 7-2 up early in the second half. As the clock ran down Cannock held the lead 8-7. With less than two minutes to go Cannock were reduced to three players.

Dogged determination saw keeper Paddy Smith, Captain Marc Edwards and coach and goal machine Dave Beckett repel several attacks and two penalty corners to seal the victory.

Cannock went on to win their final game 5-1 against West Herts to secure the Championship.

Freemans gr-eightful for victory

Lichfield & Walsall District Football League Premier

Alridge Town 2 Erdington Star 4; Freemans FC 8 Burntwood Dragons 0; Prince of Wales 4 Burntwood Albion 4

League One

AC Lions 1 B-hills Comm. 2; Burntwood Star 1 Longhorn FC 2; Pelsall Villa Colts 8 Cannock Wood 3; Stornall 0 Boney Huy 8

League Two

Duke of Wellington 3 AFC Kriss 6; Green Rock Tavern 2 Ross Park 6; Longdon Chet 4 Trent Valley Rover 0

League Three

Alma FC 1 Hussey Arms 3; Walsall Phoenix 6 Dog FC 0

League Four

FC Wych Elm 4 Bowman FC 2; Oak Park Rangers 7 Cellar Door 0; Queens FC 3 Dosthill Rangers 4

Jack Donnelly Cup – Round Three

Pelsall Villa FC 1 Shelfield FC 0

Lichfield Challenge Cup – Round One

Turnpike FC 0 Swan FC 2

Scholars punished by clinical table toppers

Leek Town 3 Chasetown 0

LEAGUE leaders Leek Town were clinical with the goal chances they got to secure the three points and open up a seven point lead at the top of the division.

Leek had the only really chance in a brisk opening 20 minutes or so. With just five minutes on the clock, Jordan Johnson's shot took a deflection and Ryan Price did well to react and keep the parity.

Simon Brown was a whisker away from an equaliser with a floating free kick that evaded everyone and flicked the top of the crossbar on its way out.

Chasetown were very much in the game early on, but Leek demonstrated in the 27th minute why they are top of the league.

The home side took the opportunity to rest a few players ahead of their weekend FA Trophy tie without looking like their lead would be threatened.

The Scholars were struggling to break down a well-marshalled Leek defence with home centre back Dan Smith the outstanding player on the night.

In stoppage time, former Scholar Johnson gave the final scoreline a somewhat flattering feel with a rasping right foot shot into the far corner.

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Chasetown's Andy Westwood holding up the ball while under pressure from two Leek Town players in the match

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a victory
makes up
for a loss

Burntwood 62
Uttexeter 14

FROM the disappointment of a loss at Shrewsbury last week, Burntwood rugby team came back to brush aside Uttoxeter side.

The home side dominated. On 12 minutes, winger, Chris Smith finished off an excellent handling movement. The extra two points were provided by Peach.

The second converted try came with Taylor popping up from full back to score under the posts. Dunnet scored an unconverted try.

Then from a loose ball Peach seized on the opportunity to ghost through the visitor's defence to collect a further seven points and a bonus point.

Next Lloyd Shelley was the quickest to react to a penalty attempt that hit the upright. He pounced on the loose ball to score an unconverted try.

Peach ran the length of the field for a 36-0 half time lead. Dunnet opened the second half scoring with a dive for a converted try.

Uttoxeter shocked the home side by being awarded a penalty try which was converted. Burntwood's 41 point advantage was restored when centre, Sedhouse crashed over for a converted try.

Whitehouse ran 45 metres for another try and Uttoxeter hit back with one of their own.

The last Burntwood score was by forward Jack Neal converted by Peach.

**Saddlers will
'keep faith'**

DEAN SMITH insisted Walsall won't lose belief following their FA Cup exit at Leyton Orient.

Saturday's 1-0 second round defeat at Brisbane Road against the League One leaders bore the familiar hallmarks of several recent Saddlers games as they controlled large parts of the game but failed to score.

"What you can't do is lose belief," he said. "We feel we are doing the right thing."

"Things will turn around. Maybe we get a little anxious because we have not been regularly big scorers but when you stop creating chances that is when you start to worry."

Kidderminster Harriers' reward for their 4-2 win over Newport was a third-round tie with Peterborough. Albion were paired with Crystal Palace while Villa will play Sheffield United.

Fightback is on, Saddlers warn rival Shrews

ANDY BUTLER has warned Walsall are determined to take out their frustrations on rivals Shrewsbury Town this Saturday.

The Saddlers have taken just two points from their last three league fixtures and went out of the FA Cup with a 1-0 defeat at Leyton Orient last weekend.

But captain Butler believes the results have not matched their performances and is keen to begin the turnaround in the derby against Town, whom they have already beaten convincingly 3-0 in the cup this season.

"We want to get back on track, that's the plan," he said.

Football

"We went there (to Shrewsbury) last year and played really well, albeit we lost 1-0.

"We had a lot of possession and chances, on another day we could have won 4-1. We'll be going there looking to put things right."

The Saddlers have scored just one goal during their recent mini-slump despite enjoying plenty of possession in each game.

Butler is confident it is only a matter of time before things turn around and rejected the notion Smith's men might be lacking a 'Plan B' when the opposition finds a way to

blunt their passing game. "Richard O'Kelly and the gaffer want us to play this way and it's worked," said Butler.

"It's pleasing to play and it's pleasing to watch. One day it will come good and someone is going to get a proper spanking off us."

"We've just got to believe in what we do. If we played another way, we wouldn't enjoy it. You have got to enjoy your work and we are enjoying it. The results will come."

The skipper said the Saddlers won't lose belief, adding: "We'll stay positive."

"We went to Orient and I felt we were the better team."

"We'll take a lot of confidence from that. It was a cup game and it's back to the league now."

"It would have been nice to get through but the league is more important."

Walsall's youngsters also suffered the heartache as they were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup by Albion at the Hawthorns.

Carlton McKenzie had fired the Saddlers into the lead in the first half but Dan Barrow equalised almost immediately for the hosts, who clinched the third-round tie courtesy of Andre Wright's second-half winner.

Lockmen
get out of
drop zone

Wednesday 2 Willenhall 3

A BATTING performance from the Lockmen saw them come away from fierce local rivals Wednesfield with a deserved three points to lift themselves out of the relegation zone.

Willenhall welcomed four new signings and they made a bright start with Scott Harris going close before he set up Jake Morgan for the opener on nine minutes.

Morgan went close again before he was helped from the pitch after turning his ankle, Danny Kidane replaced him.

Martin Stanton was then left unmarked in the box to head home a leveller on 41 minutes.

The home side were in front on 46 minutes when Stanton again had a free header from a corner.

Simon Laidley went close for the visitors before sub Kidane took the game by the scruff of the neck. The youngster made a number of searching runs and went close to scoring twice before levelling on 59 minutes.

Willenhall won it on 77 minutes when fine work by Harris saw him dig out a cross which reached Laidley at the far post and he stroked home.

Entries call for bowls contest

ENTRIES are now being taken for next year's £650 Frank Turner Memorial Over 60s bowls competition at Chads Moor Progressive WMC.

Qualifying sessions will be held on Saturday May 10 6.15pm, Monday May 19 1.30pm, Friday May 30 10am and 1.30pm. The final stages on Saturday June 21 6.30pm. Entry is £7. Contact Mel Evans on 07885-190968.

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HARRO-ING NIGHT AS HOME WINS END

Hednesford Town 1 Harrogate Town 3

AFTER five league victories Hednesford Town's perfect record at Keys Park since the start of the season was brought to an end.

A tenacious and ultimately superior Harrogate Town side can now harbour genuine belief of breaking into the play-off places.

Football

The Pitmen, looking to find amends after last Saturday's 5-1 thumping away at Gloucester City, started positively and took the lead four minutes into the game through loan signing Greg Pearson.

The goal stemmed from a rapid Harrogate attack which saw one Ben Bailey against no less than four attackers, however the move broke down, Bailey cleared the ball into the path of Elliott Durrell whose pinpoint ball in was missed by Neil Harvey only for Pearson to bury it.

Performance

Pearson had two further chances in a lively first half performance and Harvey should have added a second on the stroke of half time when Jamey Osborne glided through two challenges and set up Durrell to cross only for the striker to misdirect his header wide.

Hednesford would rue their profligacy in front of goal as within two minutes of the restart Harrogate levelled through Liam Hardy as he pounced on a loose ball at the back post and, with the game swinging from end to end, it was the away side who grabbed a late winner. Osborne headed wide,



Jamey Osborne in action for the Pitmen against a Harrogate team which beat them 3-1 at home

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